

# GOODNIGHT PUNPUN

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Part Nine





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## STORY THUS FAR...

After fondling, squeezing, inserting and coming, Punpun Onodera turns into a twisted hit-it and quit-it dick. More than friends and less than lovers, Punpun and Sachis wishy-washy relationship continues as they finish their manga.

That January, they crab walk to a publisher with their manga.

## CAST OF CHARACTERS



### PUNPUN ONODERA

A one-night stand of little consequence. Freelancer. Twenty years old.



### SACHI NANJO

A tough-seeming aspiring cartoonist. Tutor at a cram school. Twenty-four years old.



### WHITE PIG

Shop assistant. She's 155 pounds of magic.



### YUKINOSHIN MIMURA

A dashing young man. College student.



### IT'S AWKWARD WHEN YOU ONLY HAVE ONE BATTERY LEFT

It's awkward when you only have one battery left.



### MIYUKI KANIE

Slightly chubby star sign. Went to high school with Sachi. Married.



### INFINITE ♡ LOVE

Has a degree in sports and possesses a quick Vassallo kick.



### HEIROKU SHISHIDO

Old man. Runs Shishido Real Estate.



### BUTT HAMBURGER

Silly woman aspiring to be a voice actress. Has an anime voice.



### MASUMI SEKI

Apathetic young man with a mistaken understanding of freedom.



### GUARDIAN ANGEL GIBOBOGIGI

Middle-aged woman incapable of picking up on social cues. Mother of two.



### SHIMIZU

An unusual young man who has yet to wake from his dream. College student.



### CONTRARY TO...

Meet you nice to, Baby. Deliveryman.



### TOSHIKI

A fairy who has taken up residence in town.



### PRINCESS PUSSY (HIROMI NUMATA)

Sexy girl unsure of her future. College student.



### PAOPAO CHANNEL

A 42-year-old Internet addict with a Lolita complex.



### BIG BRO MOFUMOFU SWEET PRETTY LONELY HEART (WADA)

A math guy who loves absolutes. He and Toshiki were classmates. Tutor at a cram school.



### ECO BAG

A pesticide-free female chauvinist. A visiting professor at a local university.



### AIKO TANAKA









GOOD,  
GOOD,  
GOOD

...  
GOOD  
VIBRA-  
TIONS!!







AND SELL!  
HAPPY!  
OFAP  
DAYS 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
ENDS 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

AIKO  
TANAKA  
...

24 HOURS  
OPEN 10AM TO 11PM  
HIND AND IGNORED  
安全推進協議会

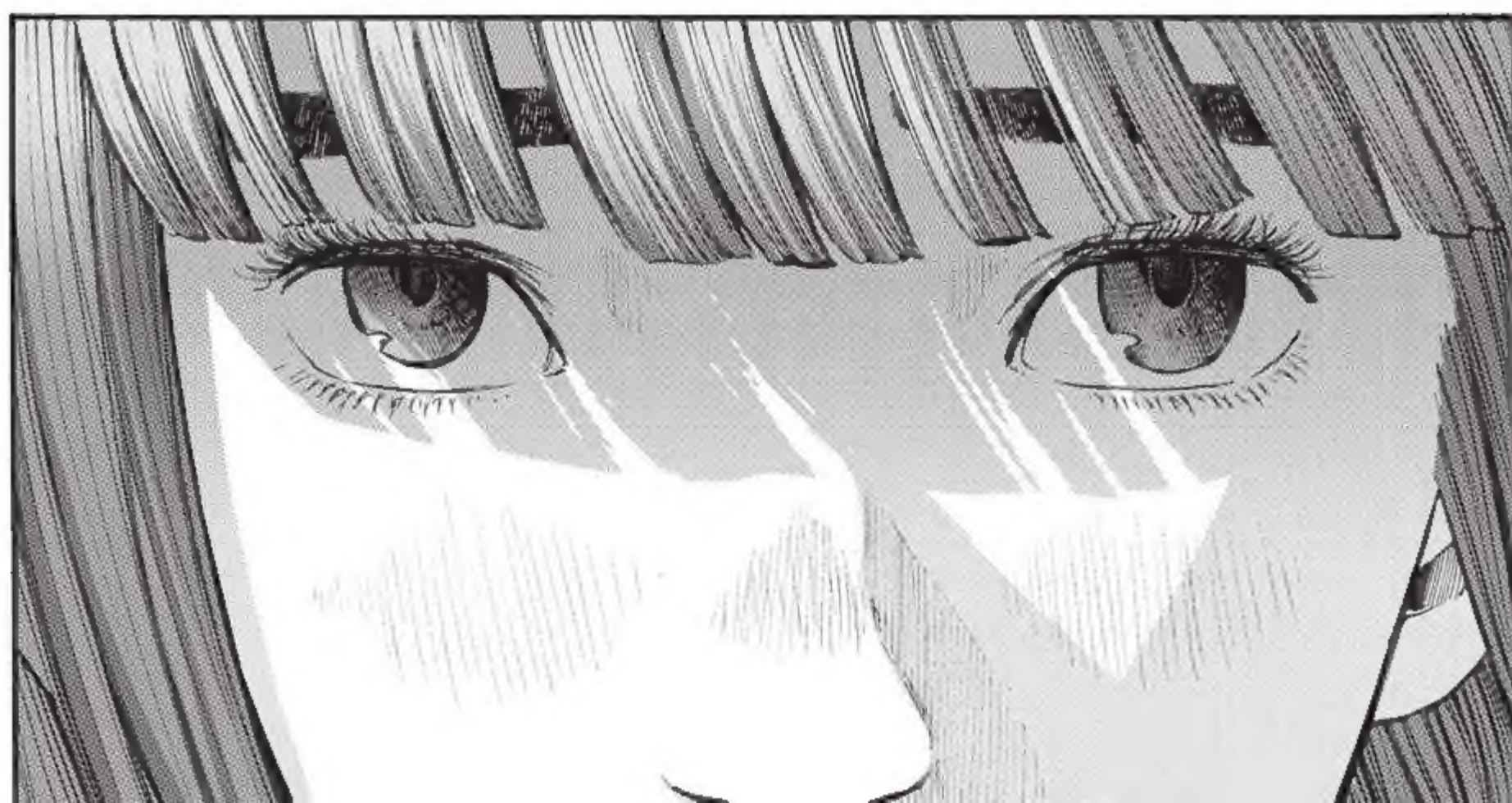
24 24  
ACQUA  
STAIRS

QUICK  
MASSAGE  
6F  
REFRESH  
B1-1F FOOD COURTS  
OPEN 24 HOUR  
OPEN 10AM TO 11PM

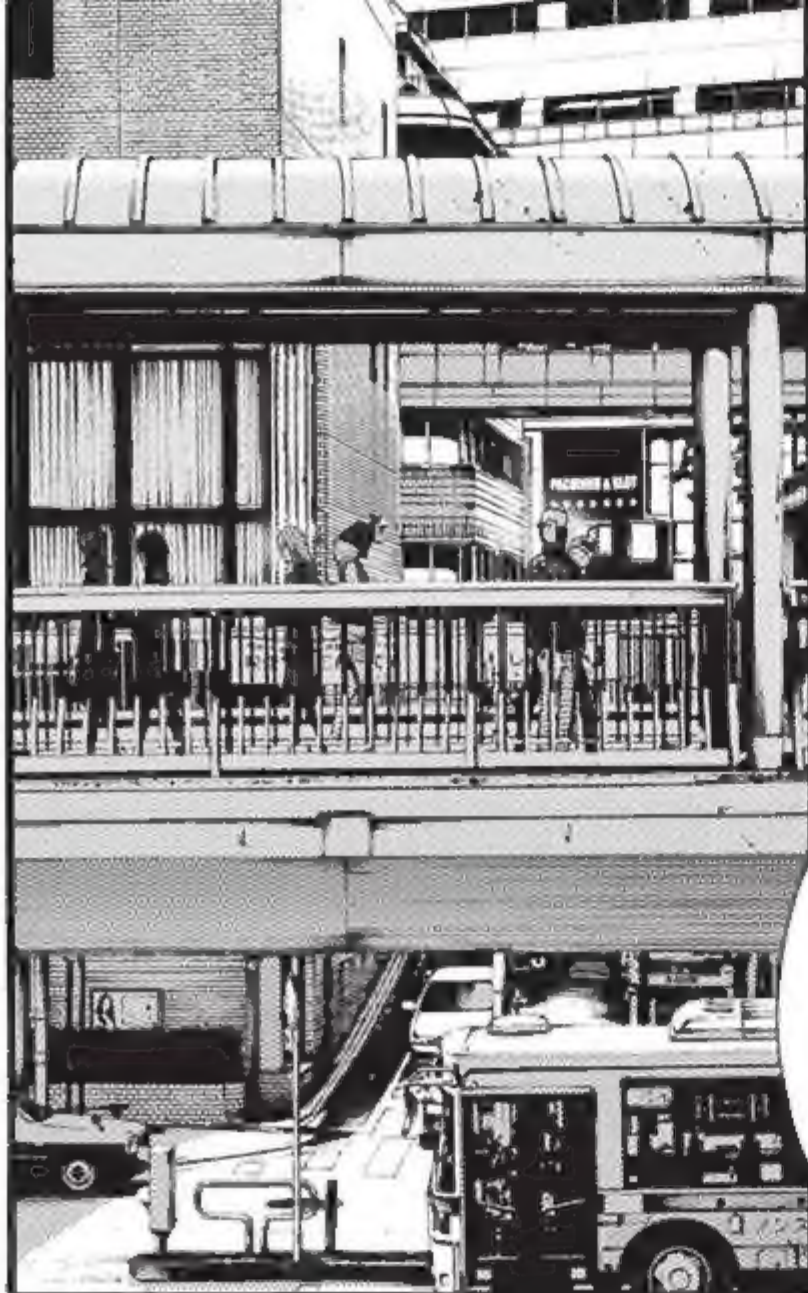
...  
RIGHT?

CRVU  
ON  
OFF  
STATION





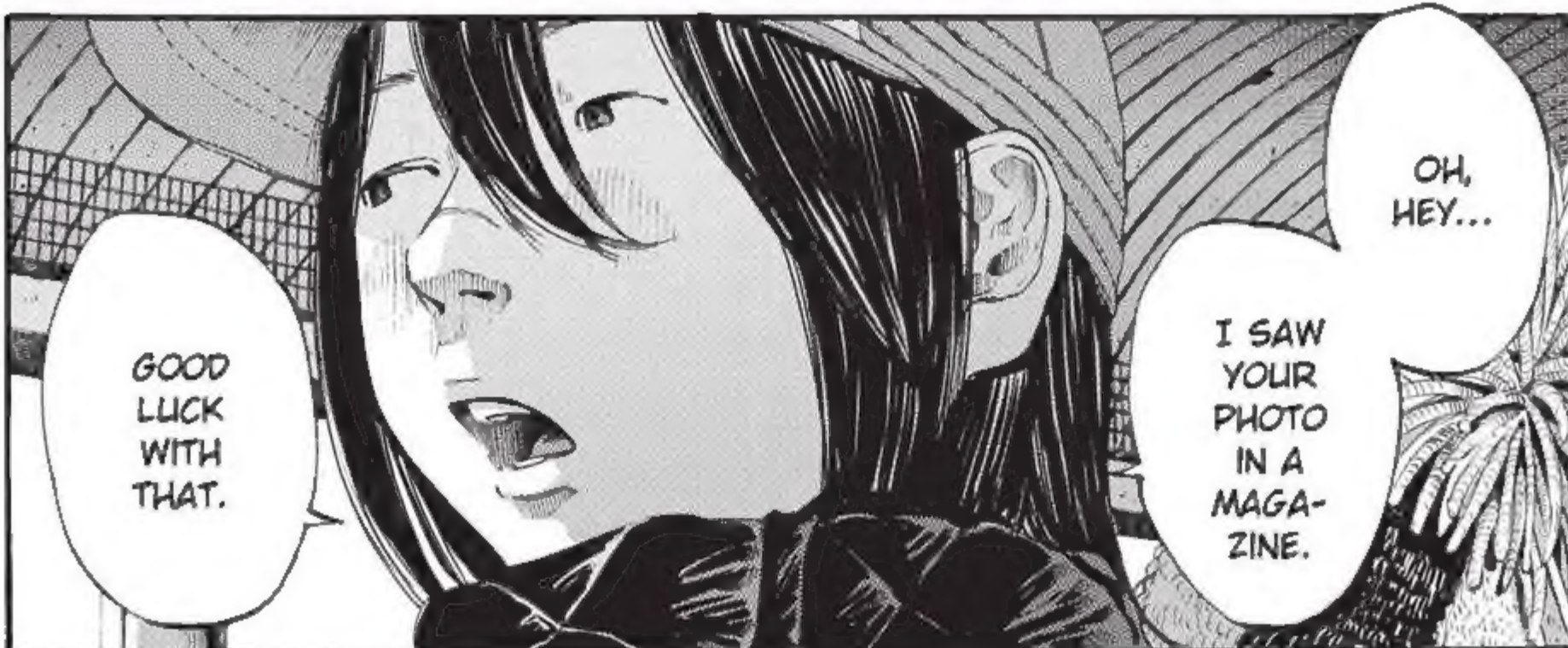




SORRY,  
I'M IN A  
HURRY.



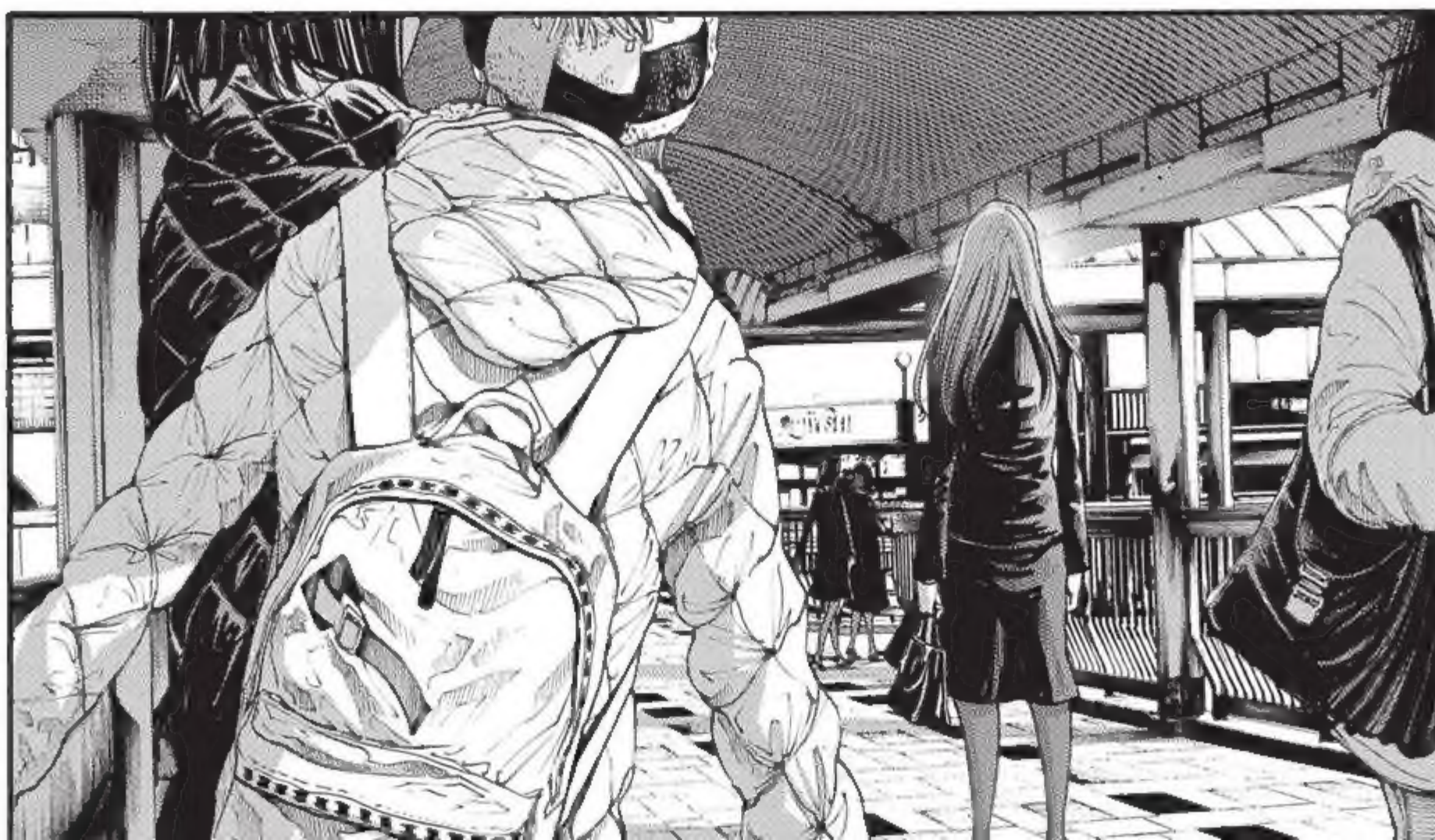
ARE  
YOU  
GOING  
TO A  
FUNERAL?



GOOD  
LUCK  
WITH  
THAT.

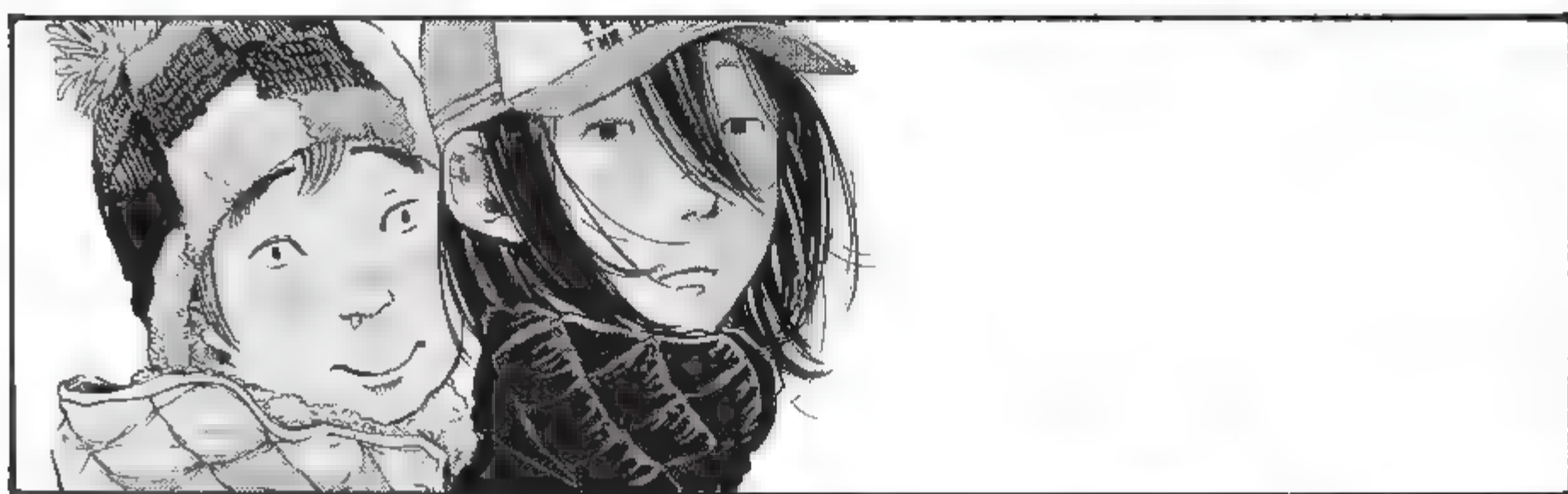
I SAW  
YOUR  
PHOTO  
IN A  
MAGA-  
ZINE.

OH,  
HEY...

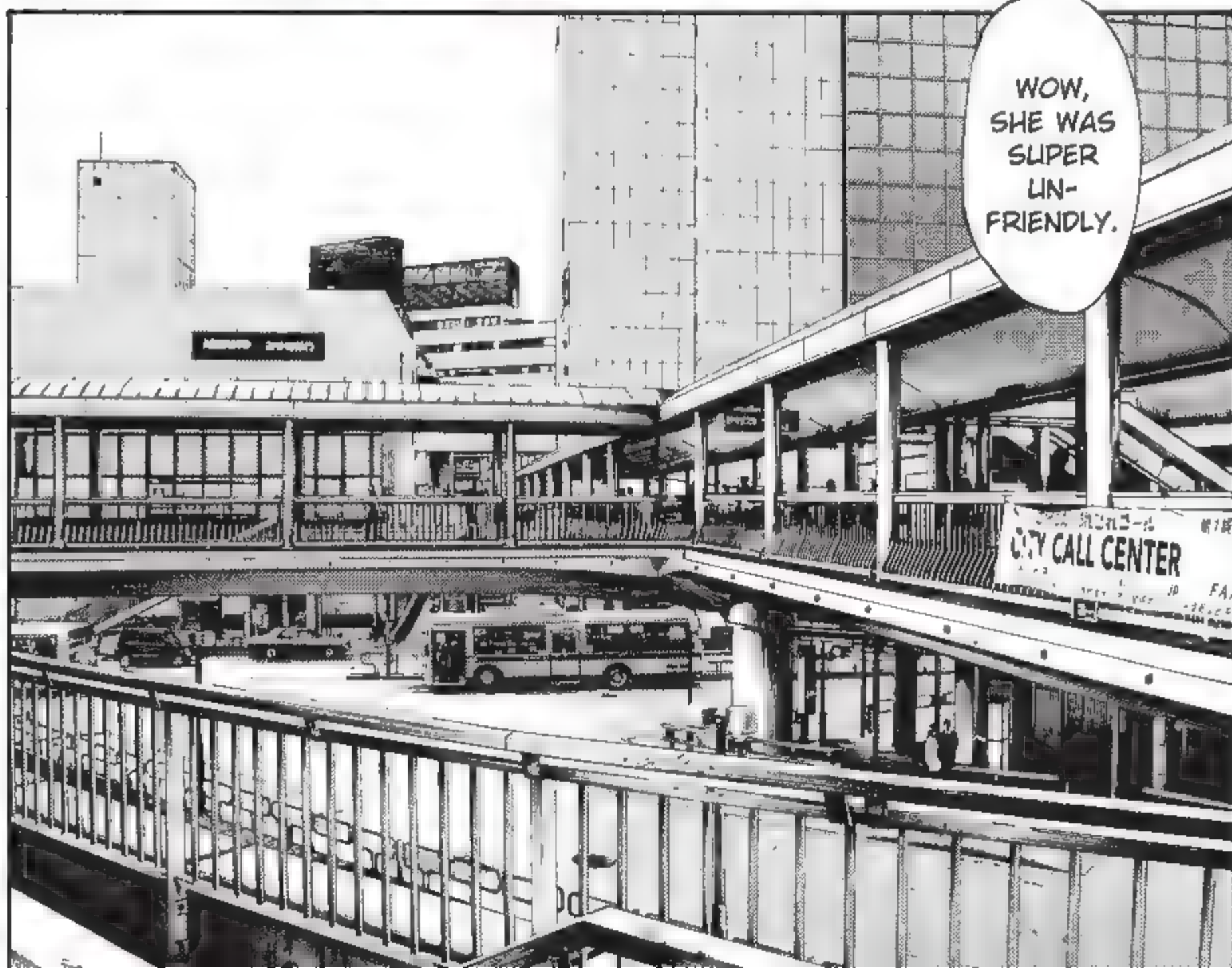




I THINK  
YOU HAVE  
THE WRONG  
PERSON.



WOW,  
SHE WAS  
SUPER  
UN-  
FRIENDLY.







...PIROSHIKI  
HOSHIKAWA,  
PASSED AWAY  
THE OTHER  
DAY.

MY  
FATHER  
...



YES,  
HELLO...

NO, NO.  
WE'RE  
STILL IN  
SHINJUKU.







...AND BRING  
FORTH GREAT  
HOPELESSNESS.

DISTURBANCES  
IN THE  
VIBRATIONS  
CREATE CHAIN  
REACTIONS  
THAT BECOME  
DISCORDANT  
NOTES...



OOOH,  
SCARY

I  
LOVE  
YOU TO  
BITS.

YOU,  
OVER  
THERE  
...

SHUT UP,  
YOU BUM!  
PAY SOME  
TAXES!

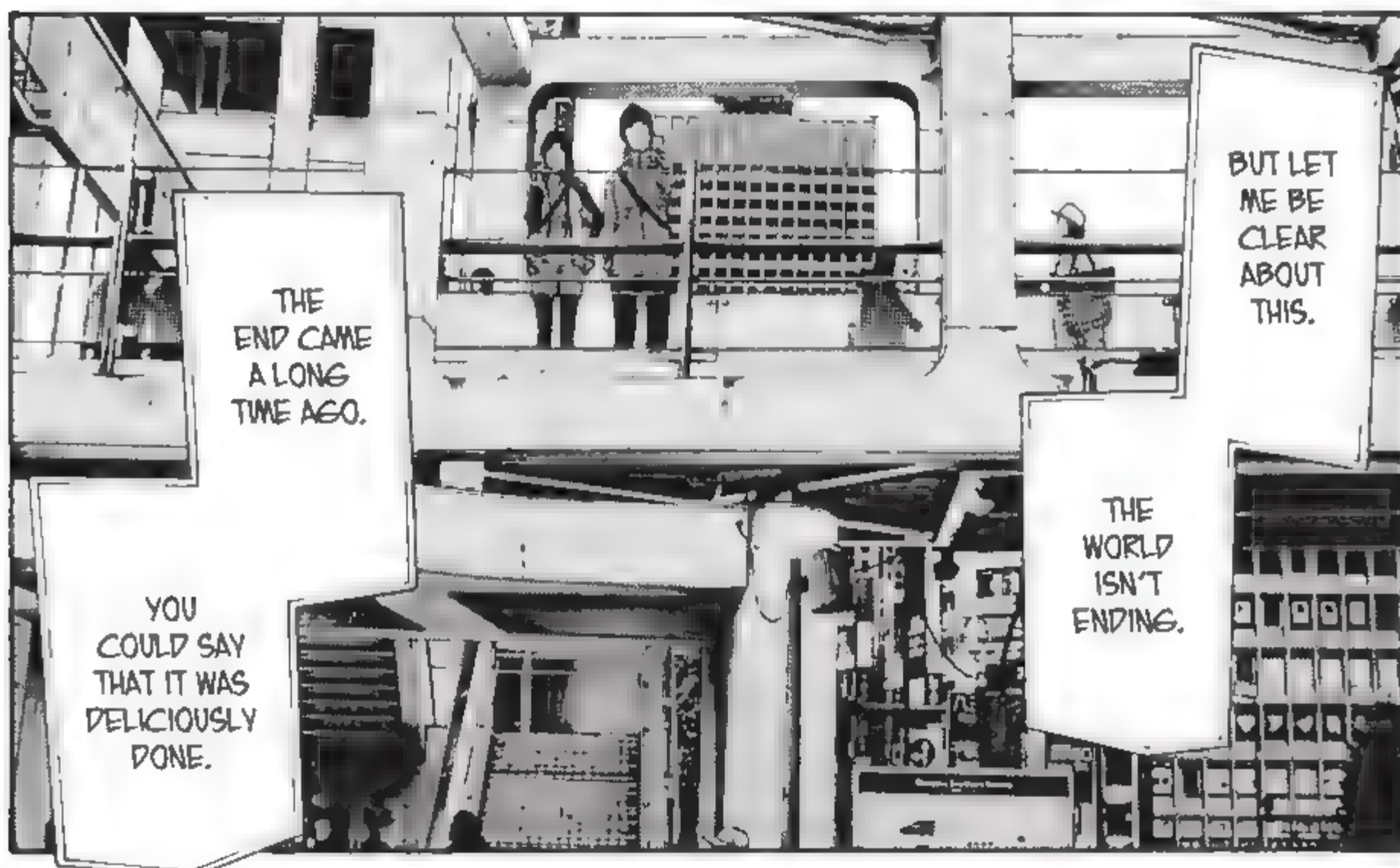




LET'S  
HUSTLE,  
ONODERA.

WHO  
DOES HE  
THINK  
HE IS?

THE  
EDITOR  
WANTS TO  
MOVE OUR  
MEETING UP  
HALF AN  
HOUR.

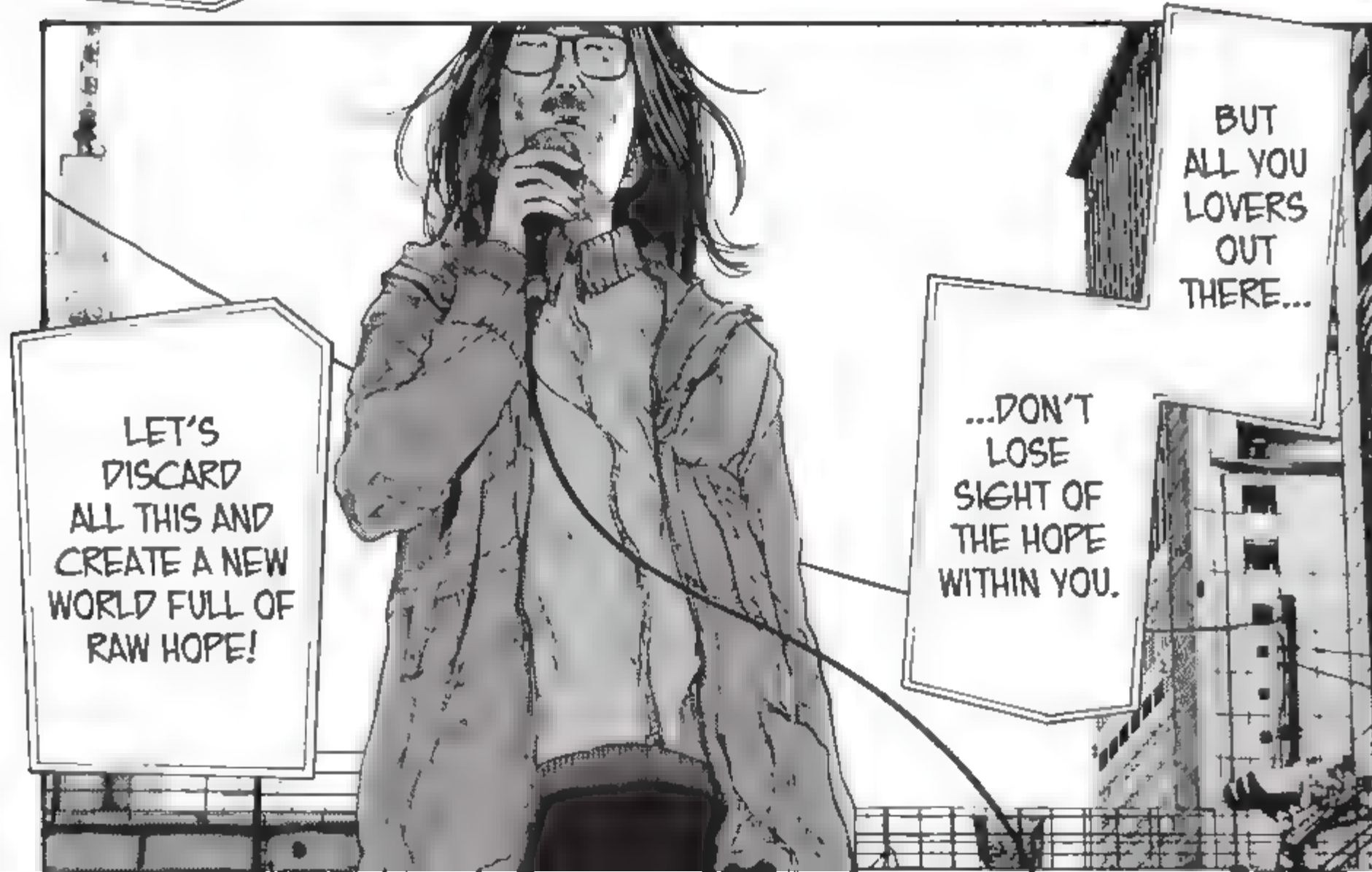


THE  
END CAME  
A LONG  
TIME AGO.

YOU  
COULD SAY  
THAT IT WAS  
DELICIOUSLY  
DONE.

THE  
WORLD  
ISN'T  
ENDING.

BUT LET  
ME BE  
CLEAR  
ABOUT  
THIS.



LET'S  
DISCARD  
ALL THIS AND  
CREATE A NEW  
WORLD FULL OF  
RAW HOPE!

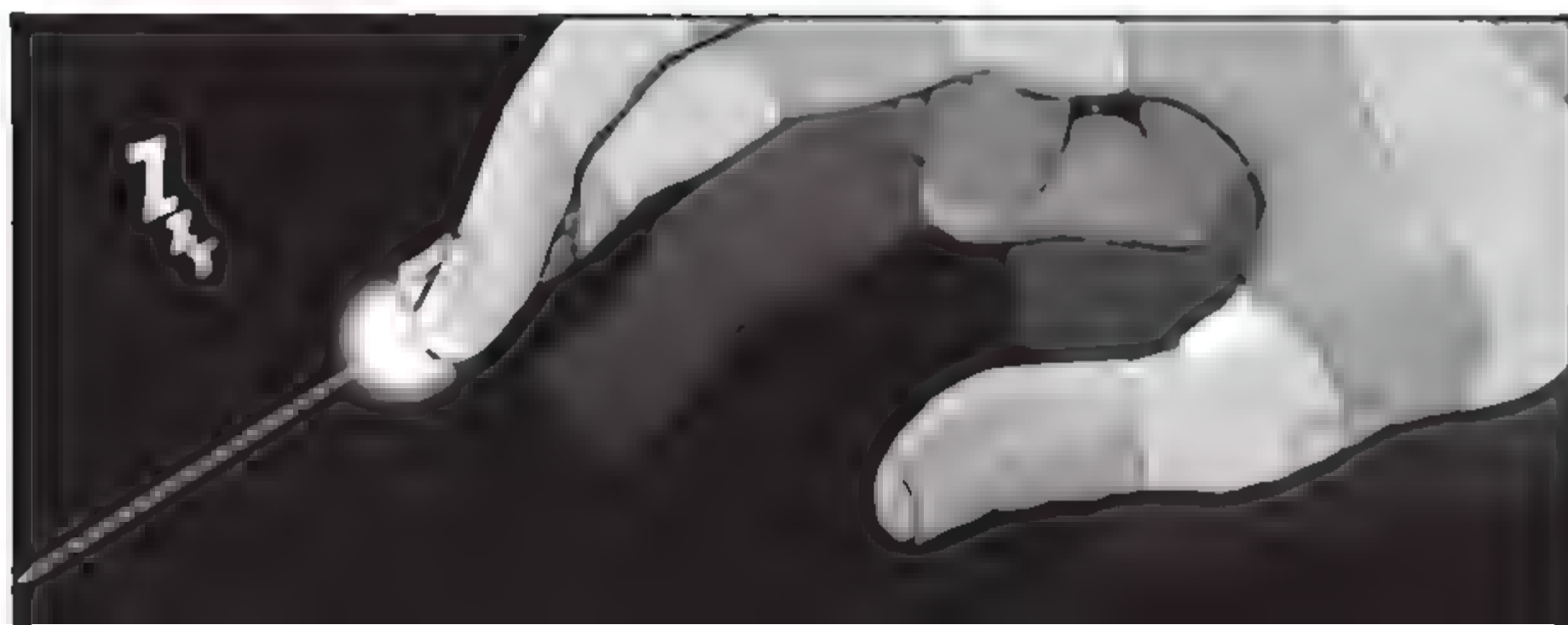
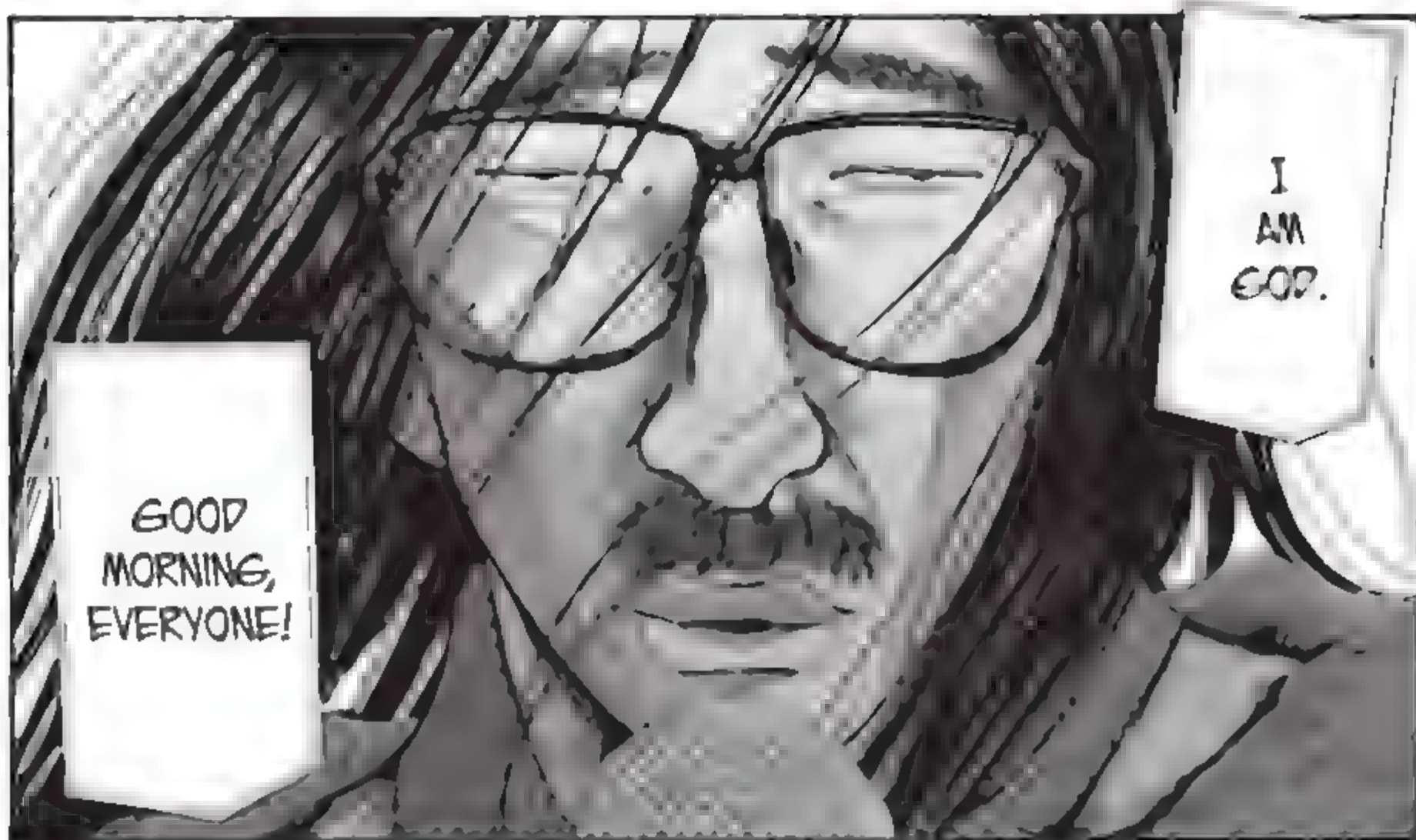
...DON'T  
LOSE  
SIGHT OF  
THE HOPE  
WITHIN YOU.

BUT  
ALL YOU  
LOVERS  
OUT  
THERE...





















GOOD NIGHT

PUN PUN





INIO  
ASANO

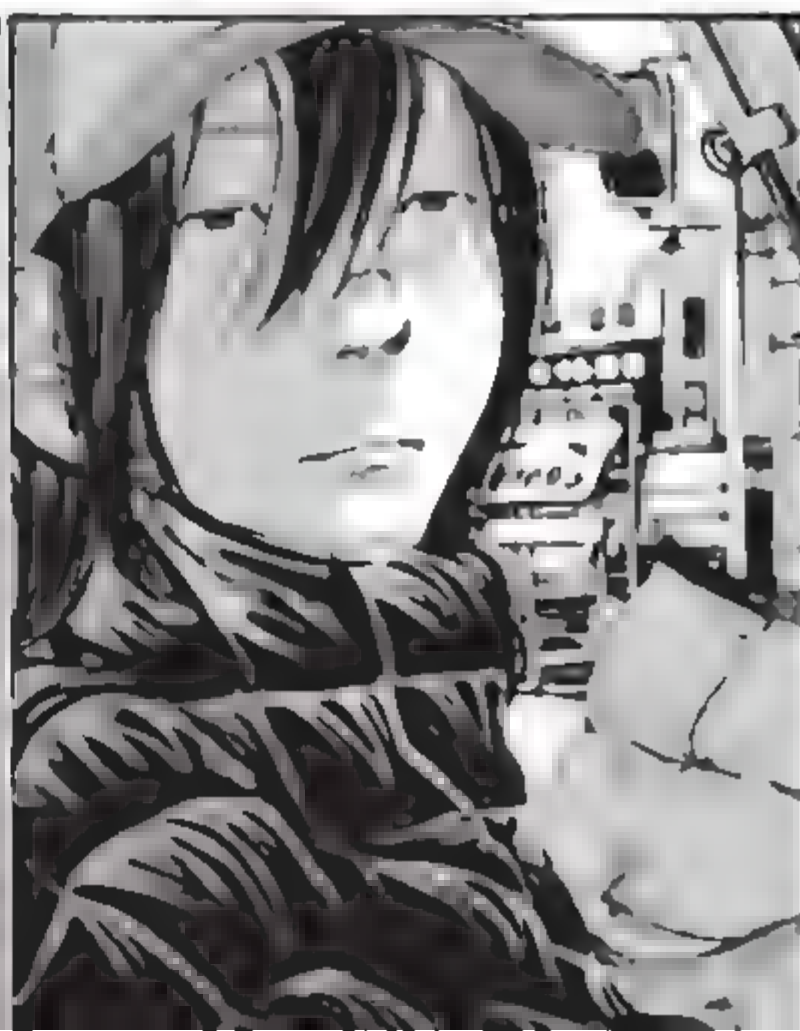














SEEMS  
LIKE SHE'S  
GOT A LOT  
GOING ON.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PRESIDENT OF COSMO HEALTH CENTER

PIROSHIKI HOSHIKAWA

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PRESIDENT OF COSMO HEALTH CENTER

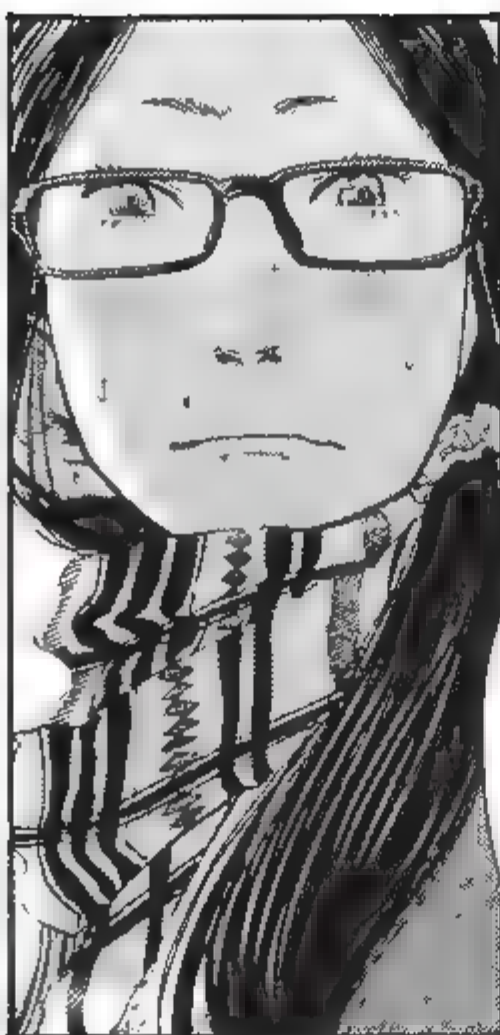
PIROSHIKI HOSHIKAWA

LEAVE ALL  
THE TALKING TO  
ME. YOU JUST  
REMEMBER TO  
BREATHE.

OKAY,  
PUNPUN  
...

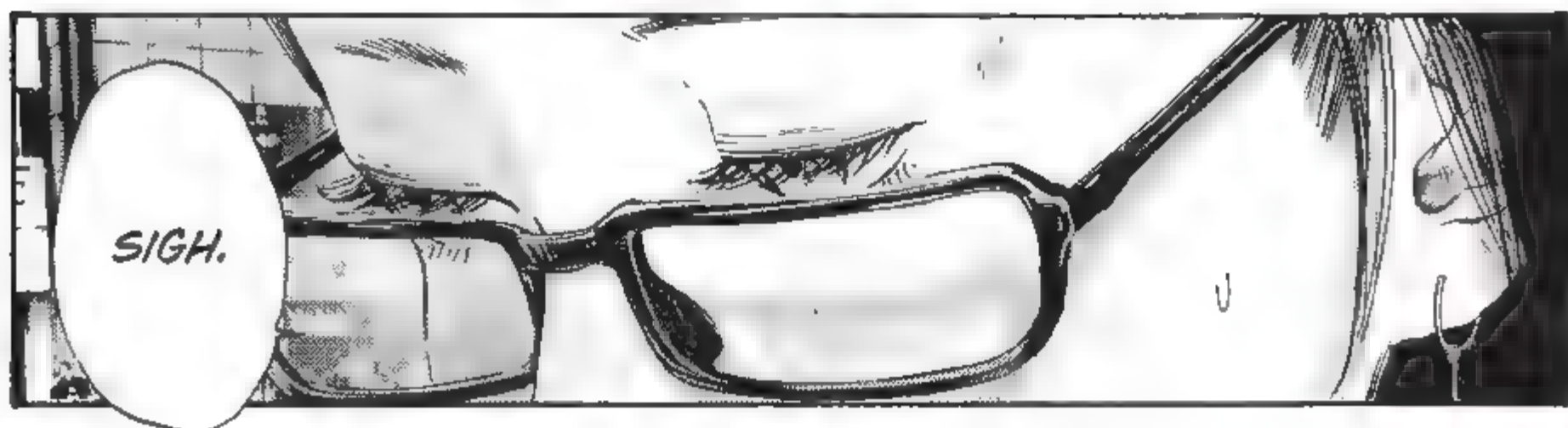
NO NEED  
TO BE  
NERVOUS.





WHY  
ARE YOU  
STARING  
AT ME, YOU  
PRICK?!

I'VE  
NEVER BEEN  
NERVOUS  
BEFORE A  
MEETING!



SIGH.



OKAY  
...

...LET'S  
GO.

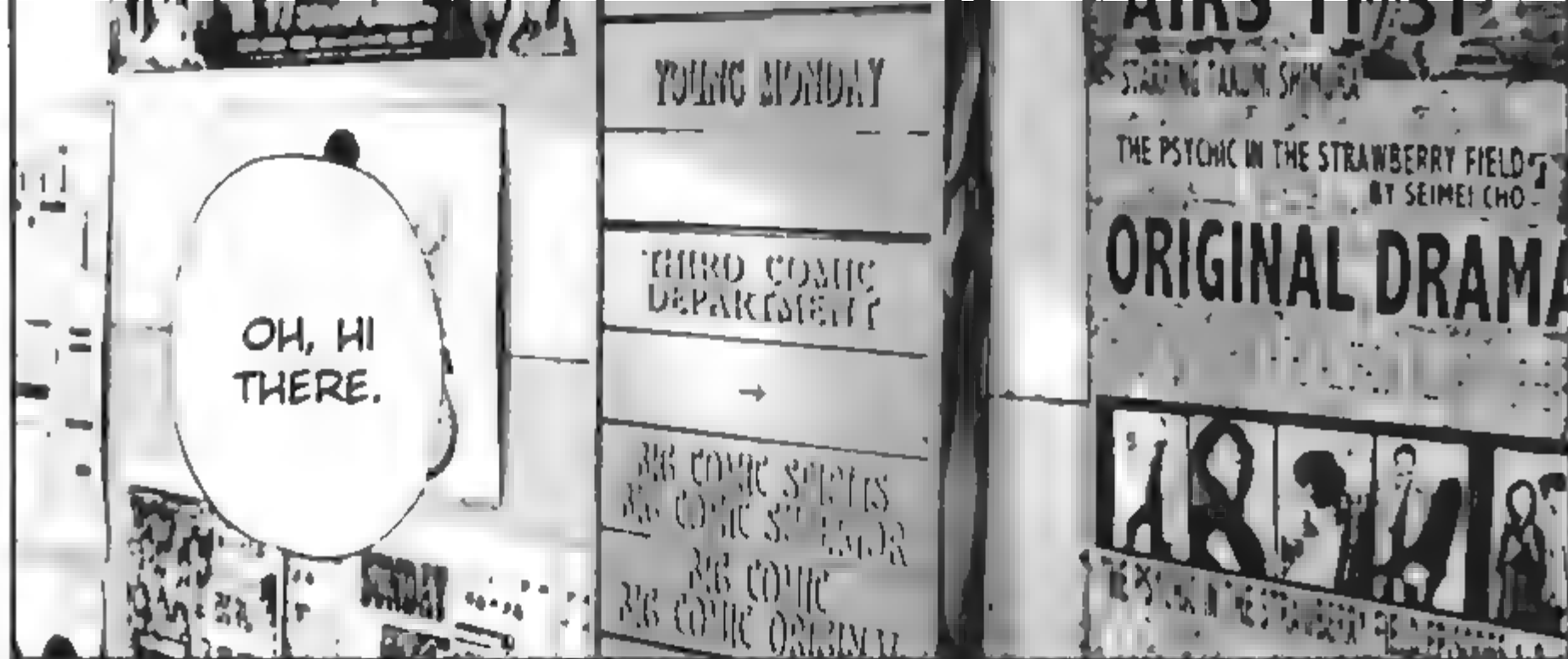




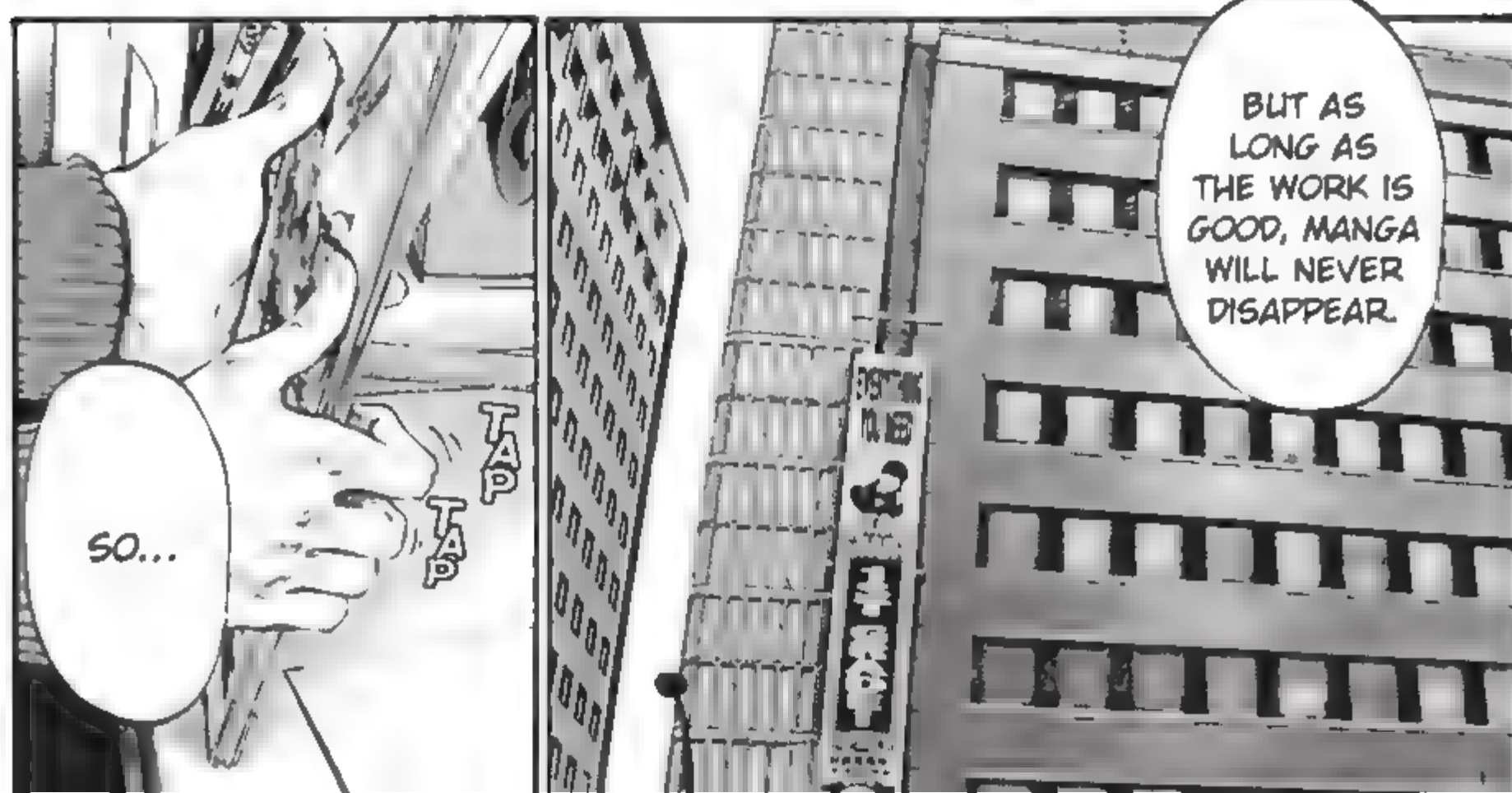




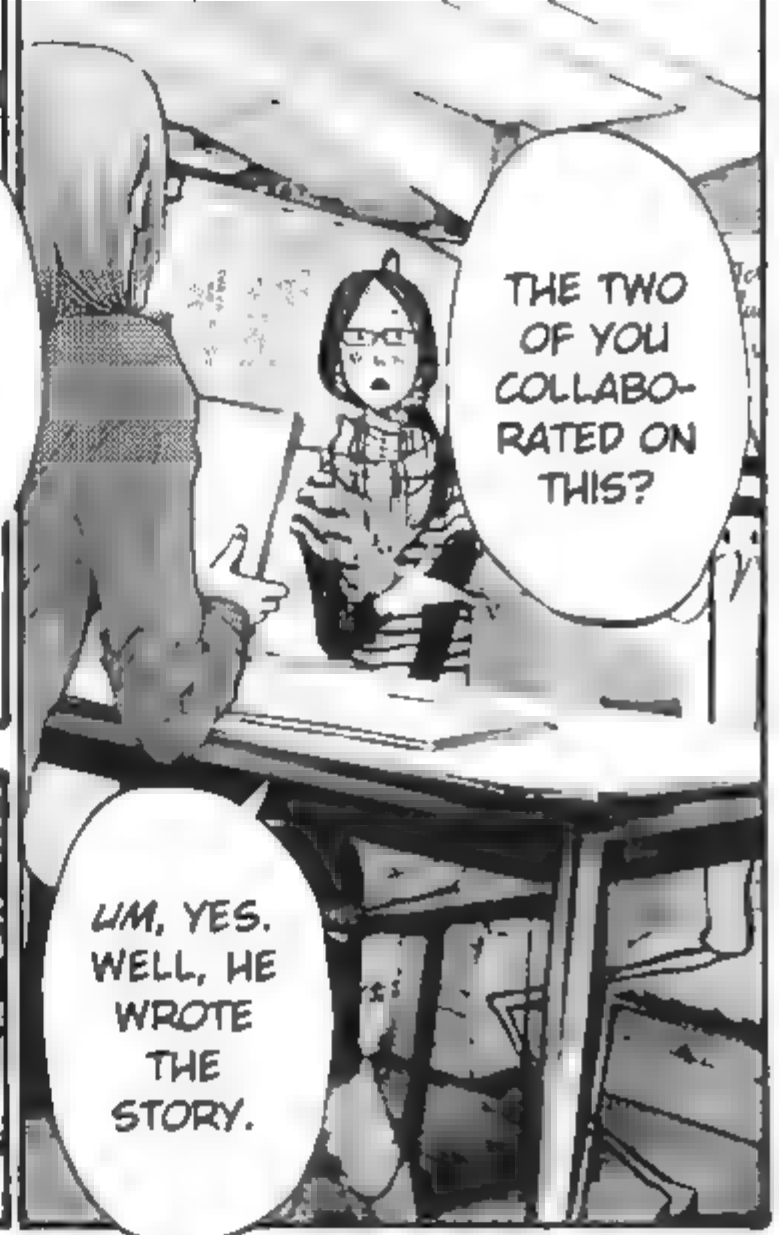












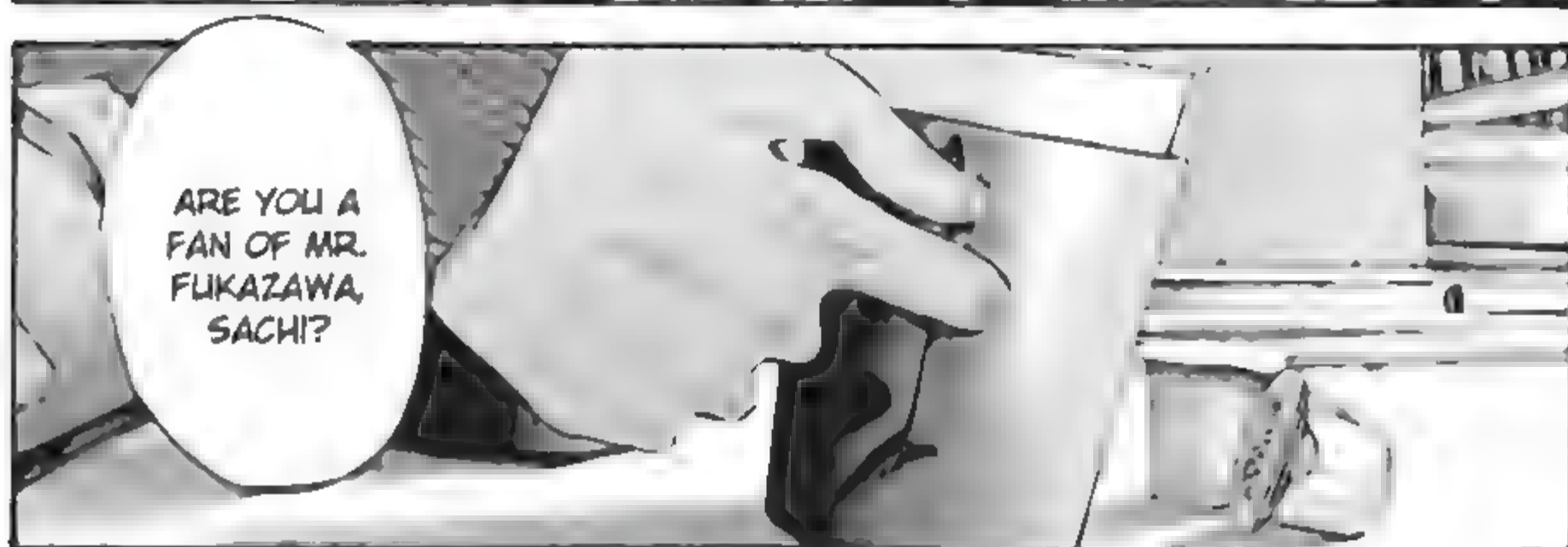




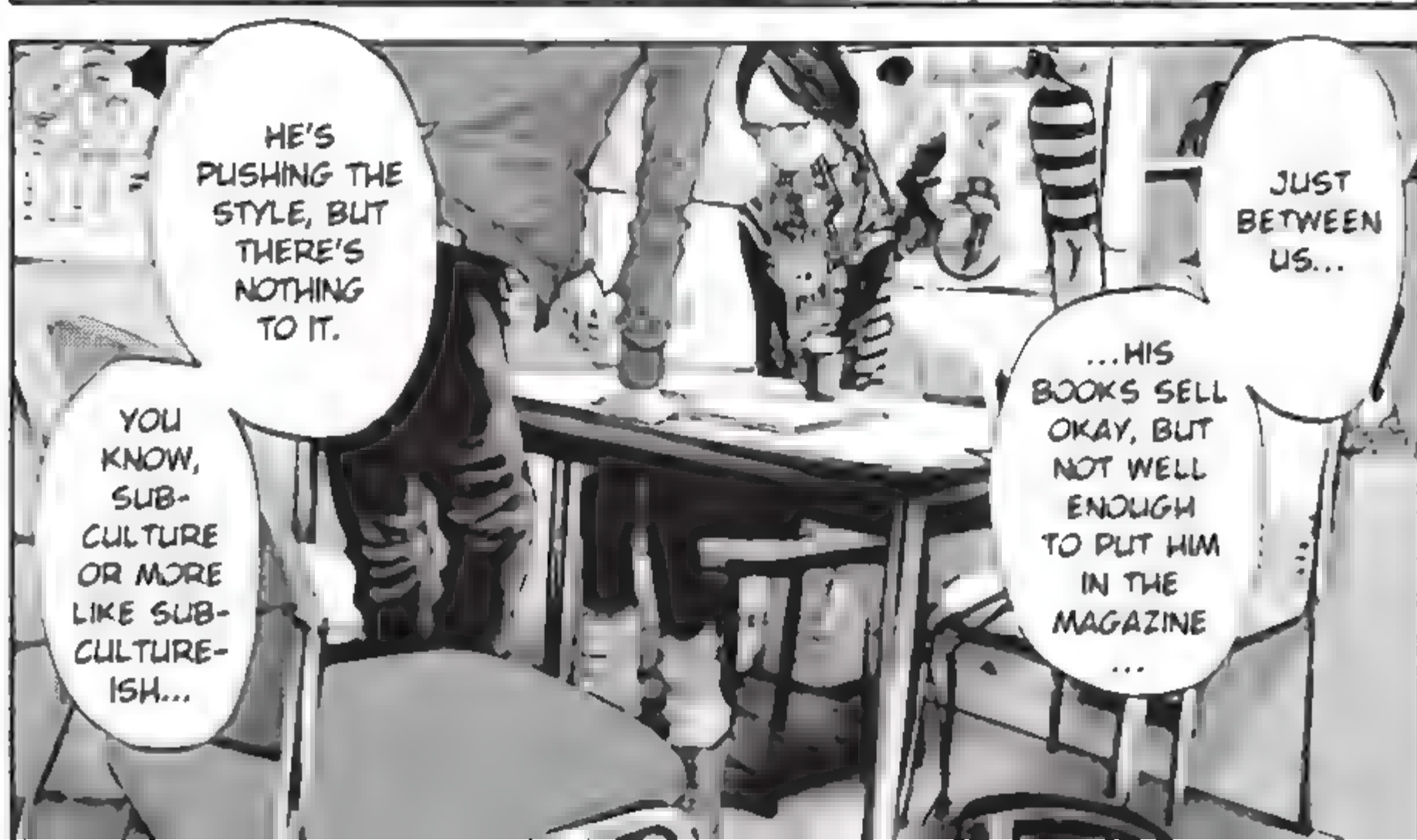
YOUR  
ONE-SHOT  
WAS  
GREAT.

OH...  
HI  
THERE,  
MR.  
FUKAZAWA.

15



ARE YOU A  
FAN OF MR.  
FUKAZAWA,  
SACHI?



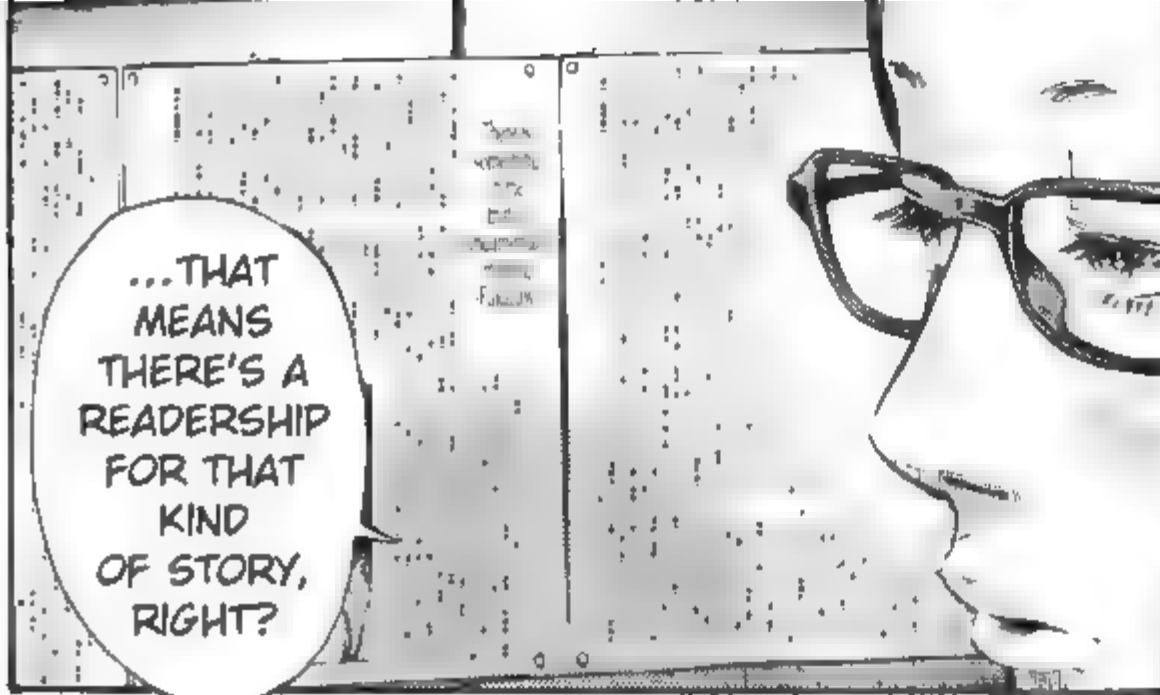
HE'S  
PUSHING THE  
STYLE, BUT  
THERE'S  
NOTHING  
TO IT.

YOU  
KNOW,  
SUB-  
CULTURE  
OR MORE  
LIKE SUB-  
CULTURE-  
ISH...

...HIS  
BOOKS SELL  
OKAY, BUT  
NOT WELL  
ENOUGH  
TO PUT HIM  
IN THE  
MAGAZINE  
...

JUST  
BETWEEN  
US...





...THAT  
MEANS  
THERE'S A  
READERSHIP  
FOR THAT  
KIND  
OF STORY,  
RIGHT?



BUT...



WE DON'T  
NEED TWO  
AUTHORS  
LIKE  
THAT.

EVEN  
IF  
THERE  
IS...



OH,  
HELLO  
...

IT'S  
ABOUT THE  
DIALOGUE  
ON PAGE  
16, PANEL  
THREE...

DAYS  
LATER, HE  
LEARNS THAT SHE  
COMMITTED SUICIDE.  
IN A WORLD THAT  
NEVER CHANGES,  
HE BEGINS  
TO MOVE  
FORWARD...

THE HERO IS  
COMPLETELY  
SELF-ABSORBED  
AND COMPLETELY  
UNINTERESTING.

THE HERO,  
AN ORDINARY  
FREELANCER,  
MOVES TO  
TOKYO AND  
SEES HIS HIGH  
SCHOOL  
CLASSMATE  
AGAIN AFTER  
SEVERAL  
YEARS.

SO,  
YOUR  
PIECE,  
"SHOOTING  
STAR AT  
NOON"...





THIS JUST  
SEEMS LIKE  
WALLOWING  
IN ANGST  
TO ME.

EVEN  
FAILING IS  
GOOD FOR YOU!  
JUST MAKING  
THE EFFORT IS A  
BOOST TO YOUR  
SELF-CONFIDENCE  
AND WILL HELP  
YOU IN THE  
LONG RUN.

IF YOU  
ASK ME, ANY  
PROBLEM  
ENCOUNTERED IN  
YOUR TWENTIES  
CAN USUALLY BE  
SOLVED BY THE  
APPLICATION OF  
A LITTLE HARD  
WORK.



THERE ARE  
SO MANY  
PEOPLE IN  
THE WORLD  
MORE UN-  
FORTUNATE  
THAN THIS  
GUY...

PEOPLE WITH  
ILLNESSES  
AND  
DISABILITIES.

BRAGGING  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
ADVERSITY  
IS  
ANNOYING.

IT MAKES  
ME WANT  
TO SAY,  
"GET A  
GRIP!"



...AND  
CREATE A  
STORY THAT  
MOVES  
READERS?

...FOCUS  
ON THOSE  
UNFORTUNATE  
PEOPLE...

SO  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
SAYING  
IS...





I THINK  
SYMPATHIZING  
WITH OTHER  
PEOPLE'S  
HARDSHIPS IS  
A FRAUD.

FORTUNE  
AND  
MISFORTUNE  
ARE  
RELATIVE  
...



I'M NOT  
QUALIFIED  
TO DO  
THAT.

AND IF I  
DID WRITE  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT,  
IT WOULD  
BE A LIE.




HMMM.



WE WANT  
TO MAKE  
SOMETHING  
THAT SPEAKS  
TO THE  
AVERAGE  
READER...

...ESPECIALLY  
SINCE YOU  
CAN HAVE A  
NORMAL LIFE IN  
JAPAN WITHOUT  
STARVING, EVEN  
WITHOUT LOFTY  
IDEALS...

I BELIEVE  
THAT PEOPLE  
NEED THE  
COURAGE TO  
STEP BEYOND  
THEIR TAME  
EXISTENCE.



...IN SEEING  
SOMEONE  
JACK OFF.

I'D  
LIKE TO  
SEE IF  
THERE'S  
MEAN-  
ING...

IT'S  
MASTUR-  
BATORY.

THAT'S  
WHAT I  
MEAN.  
IT'S  
TRAUMA  
PORN.





AND...

WHERE'S  
THE  
REALITY  
THERE?

DOESN'T  
THAT  
CONSTITUTE  
YOU LYING?

...THIS  
GIRL WHO  
COMMIT'S  
SUICIDE...




SO...

...IF I  
HANG MYSELF  
RIGHT NOW,  
WOULD YOU  
CONSIDER MY  
MANGA TO BE  
GOOD?







IT'S BLEAK  
OUT THERE, AND  
READERS WANT  
SOMETHING  
POSITIVE WITH  
EASY-TO-DIGEST  
COMPASSION.

...AN  
ABSOLUTE  
REQUIRE-  
MENT THAT  
A MANGA  
HAS TO BE  
ENTERTAIN-  
ING.

IT'S...

WELL, THAT  
ESCALATED  
QUICKLY.

IF  
THAT'S WHAT  
THEY FIND  
ENTERTAINING,  
DOESN'T THAT  
MAKE THEM  
IDIOTS?

LET'S  
GET  
BACK ON  
TOPIC.

EVEN IF  
YOU THINK  
IT'S WARPED,  
BEING FULLY  
YOURSELF  
UNTIL THE  
MOMENT  
YOU DIE...

I THINK  
THAT'S REAL  
DIGNITY,  
AND I DON'T  
CARE IF IT'S  
SELF-  
SERVING.

BEING  
MOVED FOR  
AN INSTANT  
DOESN'T  
FUNDA-  
MENTALLY  
CHANGE  
ANYTHING.

WHAT WE  
NEED ARE  
SPECIFIC  
VALUES THAT  
TRANSLATE  
TO REAL LIFE.

YOU  
SEEM VERY  
AGITATED.

CALM  
DOWN,  
SACHI...

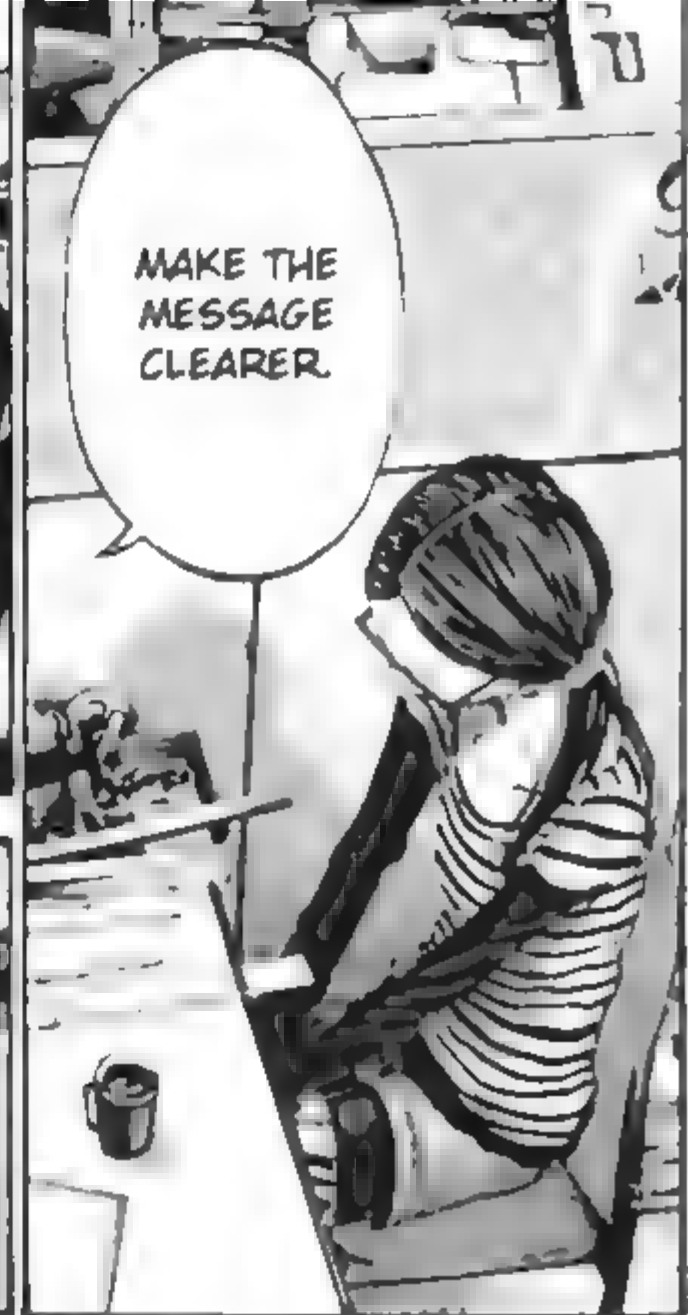
...FOR  
BEING TOO  
ARROGANT.

THESE  
DAYS AN  
AUTHOR  
GETS  
REJECTED  
...

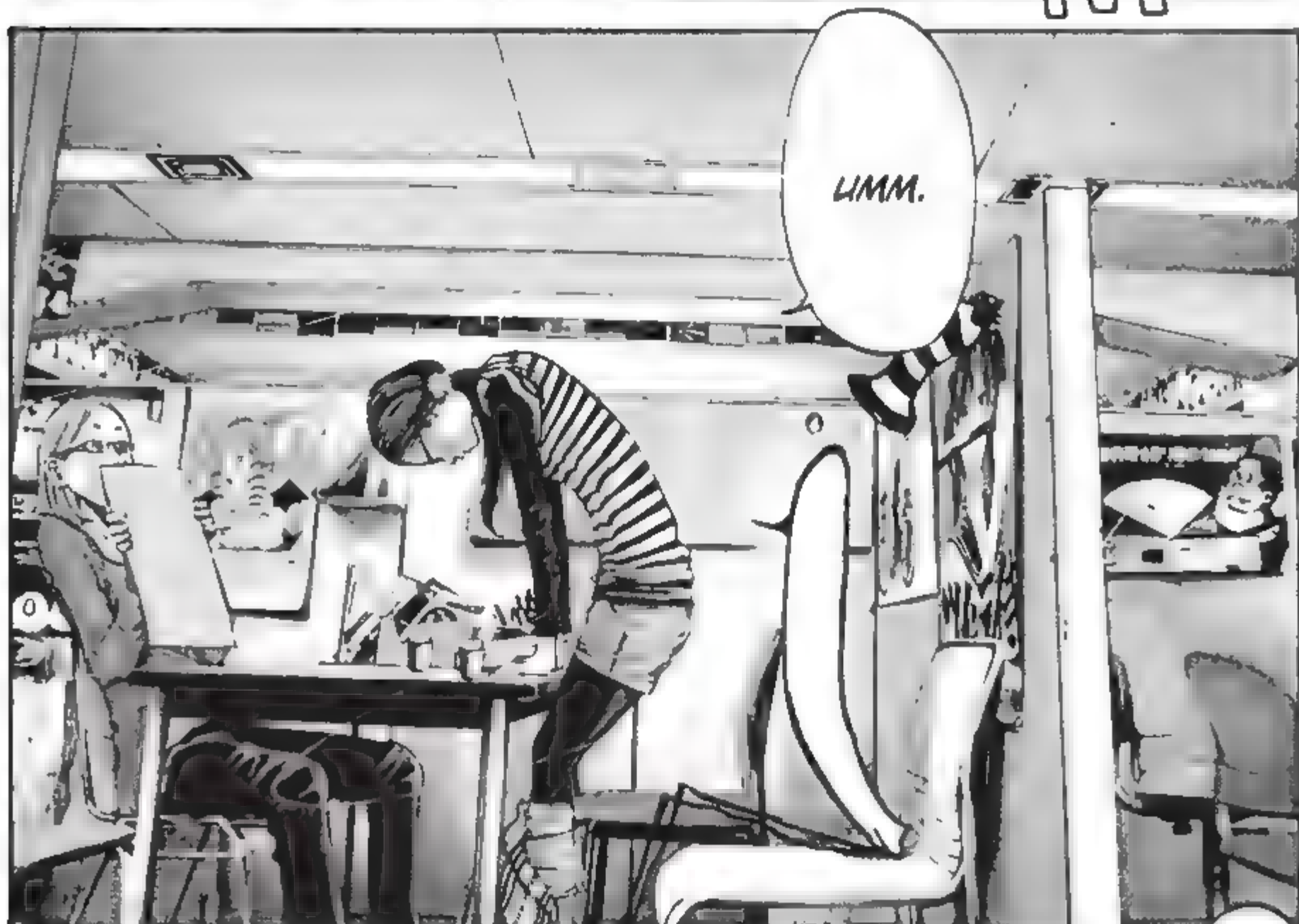
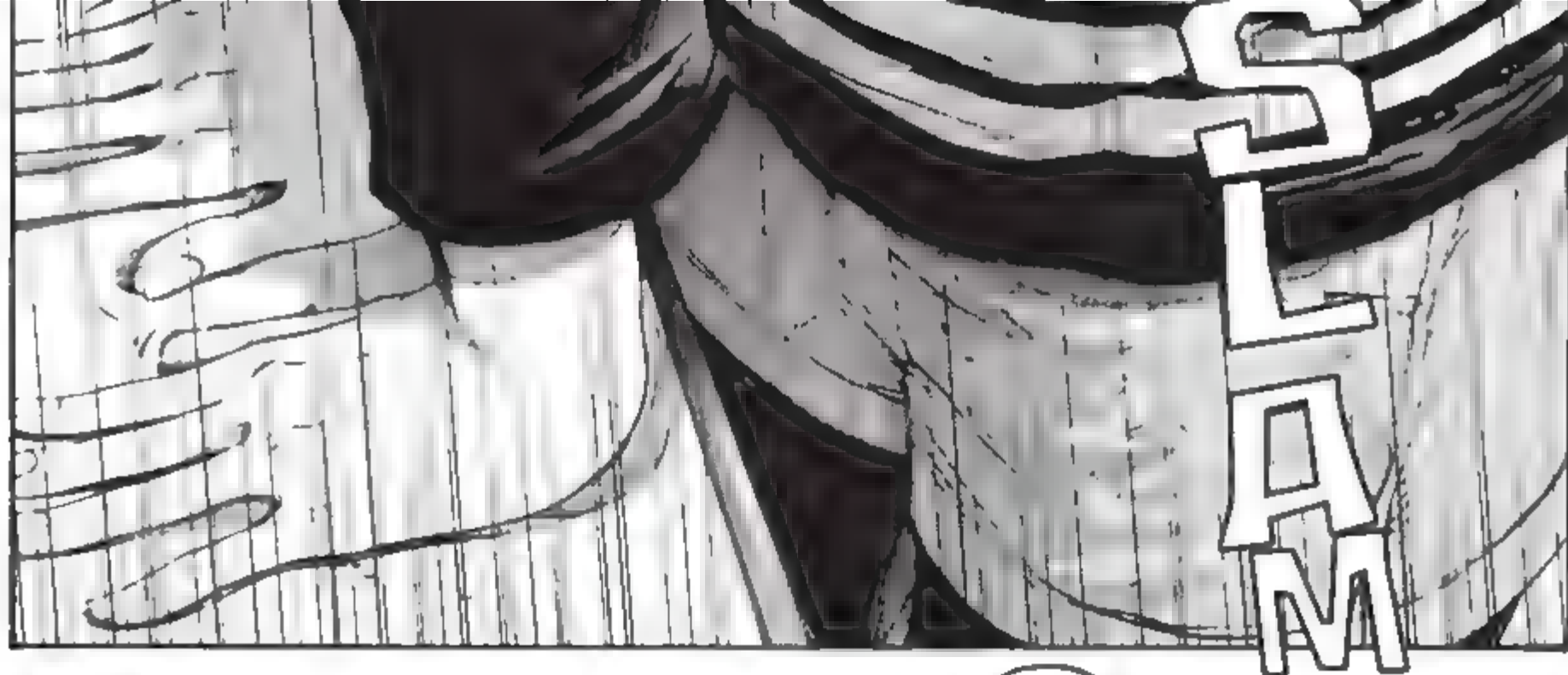
















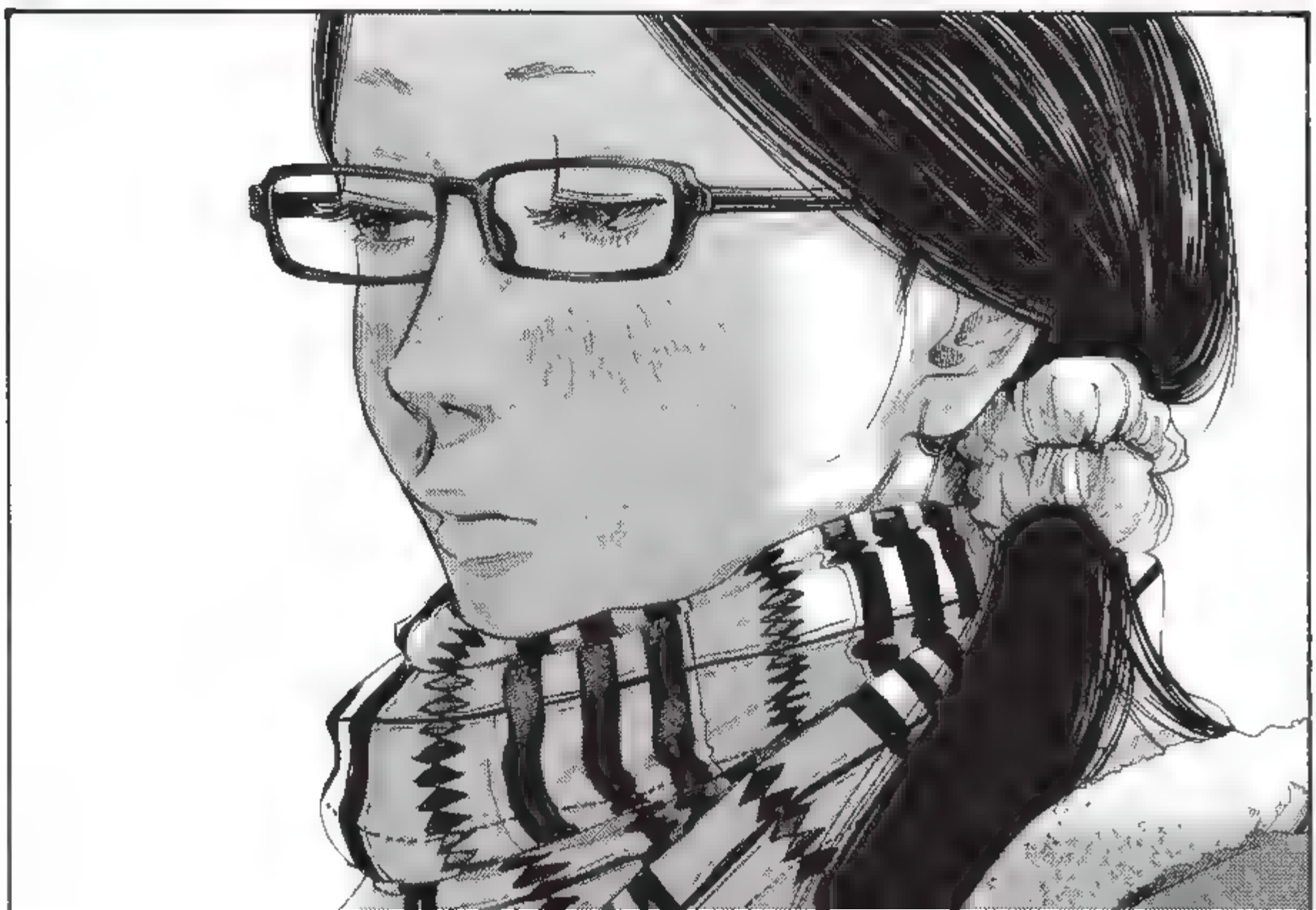








"You're  
a genius,  
Sachi.  
You'll be  
fine."





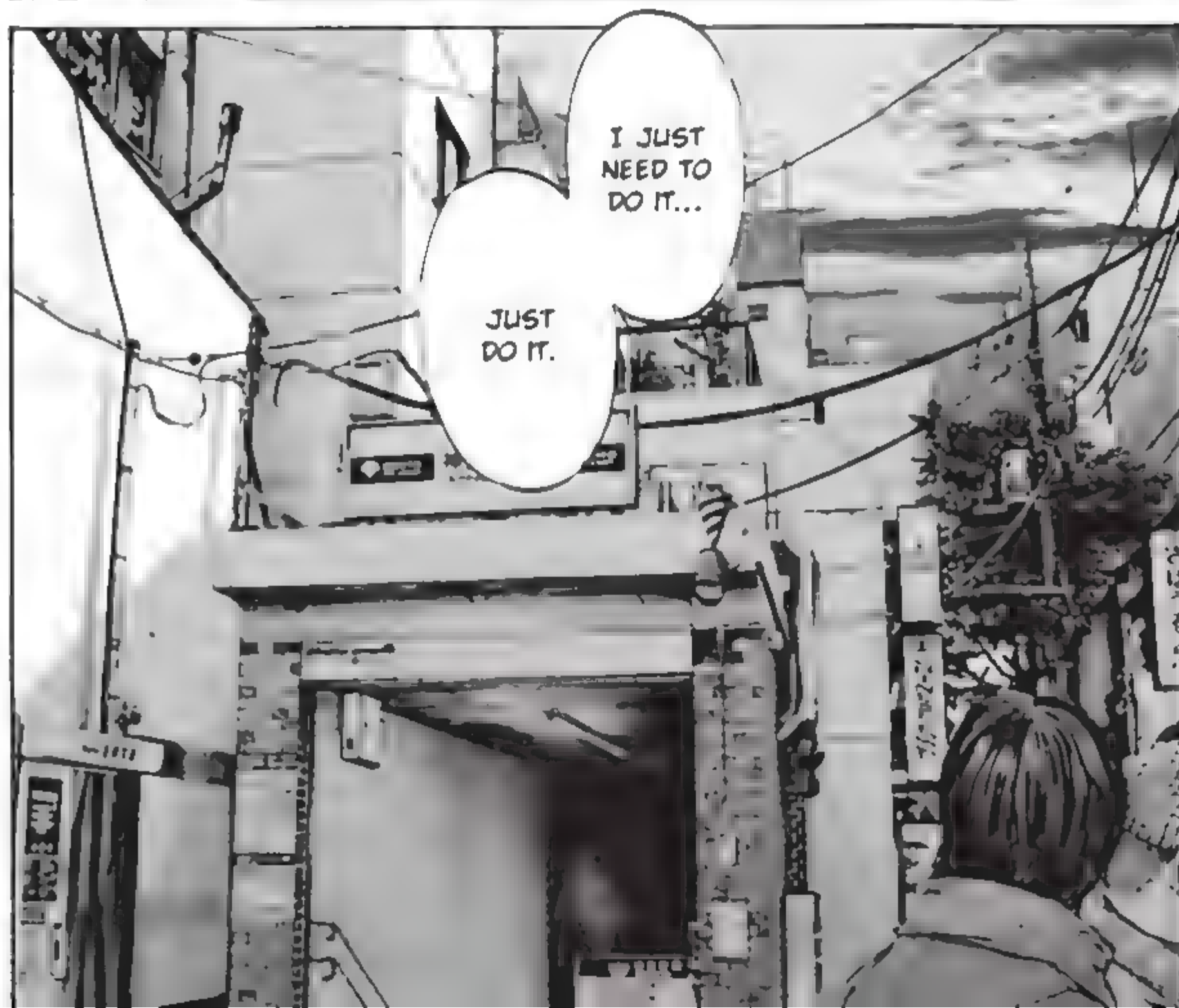






DON'T  
SAY  
ANY-  
THING...

...FOR  
A  
WHILE.



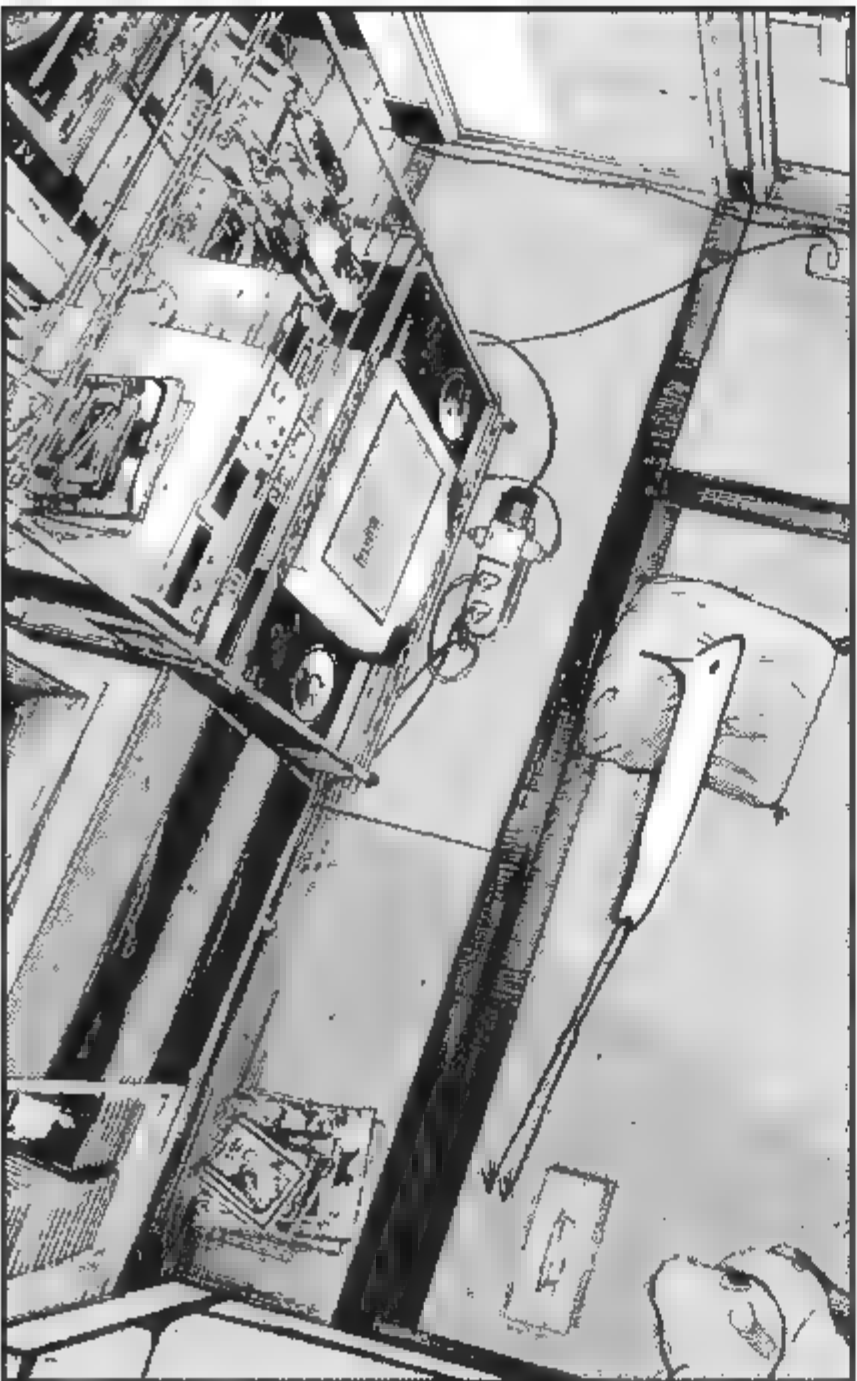
I JUST  
NEED TO  
DO IT...

JUST  
DO IT.





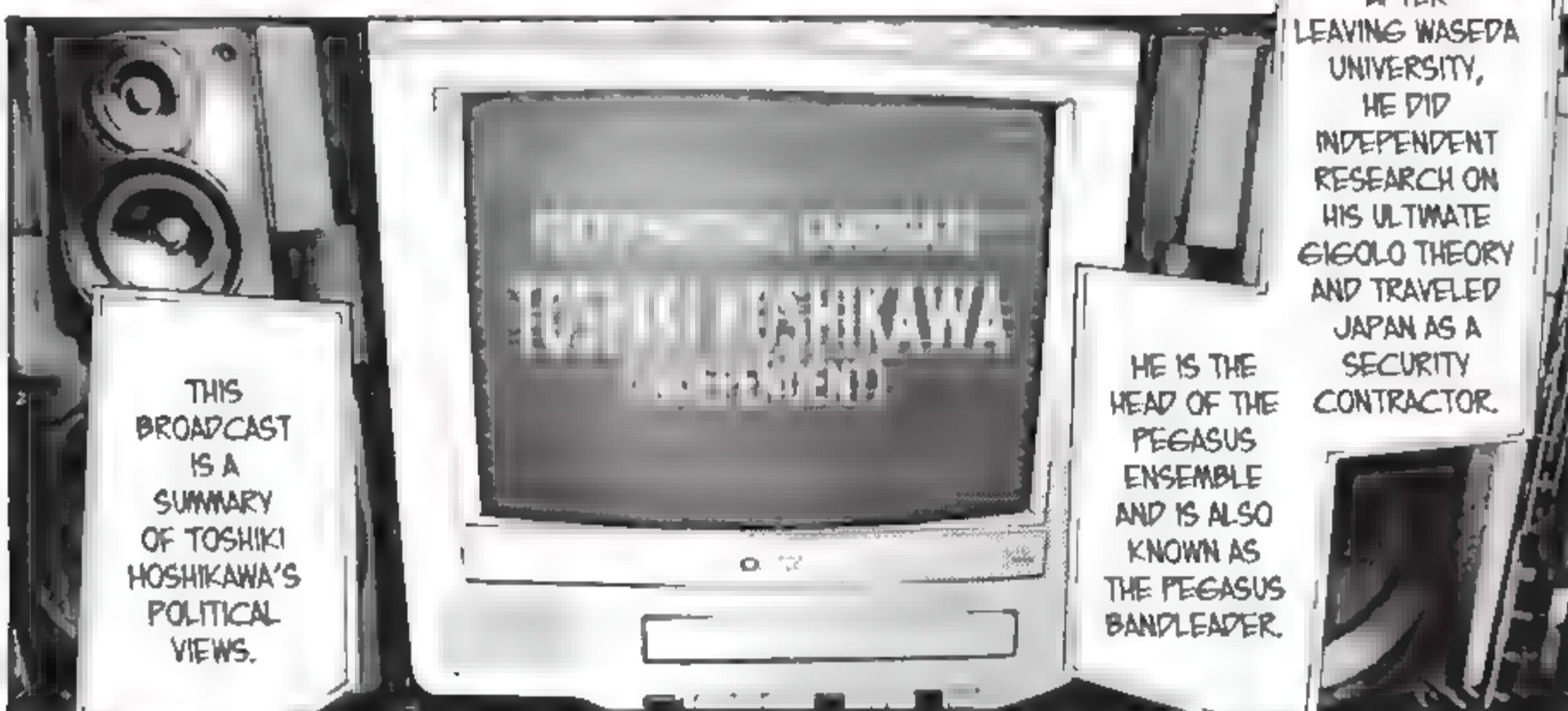
















THEY SAY HE'S A GENIUS  
TOSHIKI HOSOKAWA  
ONSTANDSTILL



THEY SAY HE'S A GENIUS  
TOSHIKI HOSOKAWA  
ONSTANDSTILL

GOOD  
MORNING,  
EVERYONE.

THIS IS  
PLANNED



THEY SAY HE'S A GENIUS  
TOSHIKI HOSOKAWA  
ONSTANDSTILL

DUE TO  
A SPECIAL  
APPLICATION  
OF MY  
ULTIMATE  
GIGOLO  
THEORY,  
I AM ABLE TO  
TOUCH THE  
FUTURE.

...THAT ON  
JULY 7 OF  
THIS YEAR, IN  
A POOF, THE  
EARTH WILL  
CEASE TO  
EXIST.







IS THE  
WORLD WORTH  
SAVING?

BUT I'VE  
ALWAYS  
WONDERED

THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD  
TOSHIKI HOSHIKAWA  
ONPUNKT

...THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
MISSING! IT'S  
PAINFUL, LIKE  
A SLOW STRAN-  
GULATION...

IT'S BEEN  
BLACK, LIKE  
THE END OF  
THE WORLD.



THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD  
TOSHIKI HOSHIKAWA  
ONPUNKT

I'M SURE  
THERE ARE MANY  
LOVERS OUT  
THERE WHO HAVE  
FELT THE WORLD  
IN THE LAST  
OF US

NO MATTER  
HOW MANY  
THINGS WE HAVE  
AND HOW CON-  
NECTED OUR  
TECHNOLOGY  
MAKES US...

IT HAS BEEN  
COMPLETED,  
IN THE MOST  
BALANCED WAY  
POSSIBLE.



THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD  
TOSHIKI HOSHIKAWA  
ONPUNKT

THE  
WORLD  
HASN'T  
END















...I WILL  
LIBERATE  
ALL OF  
TOKYO!

PLEASE AFFIX POSTER  
IN INDICATED SPOT.  
REGISTERED CANDIDATES  
MAY USE THIS BOARD  
DAMAGING OR DEFACING POSTER  
CAN RESULT IN A PENALTY OR FINE.

DO  
NOT PARK  
CARS  
OR  
BICYCLES  
IN FRONT OF  
THIS BULLETIN  
BOARD.

FROM THE  
BLANK SLATE  
OF LAWLESS-  
NESS AND  
CHAOS...

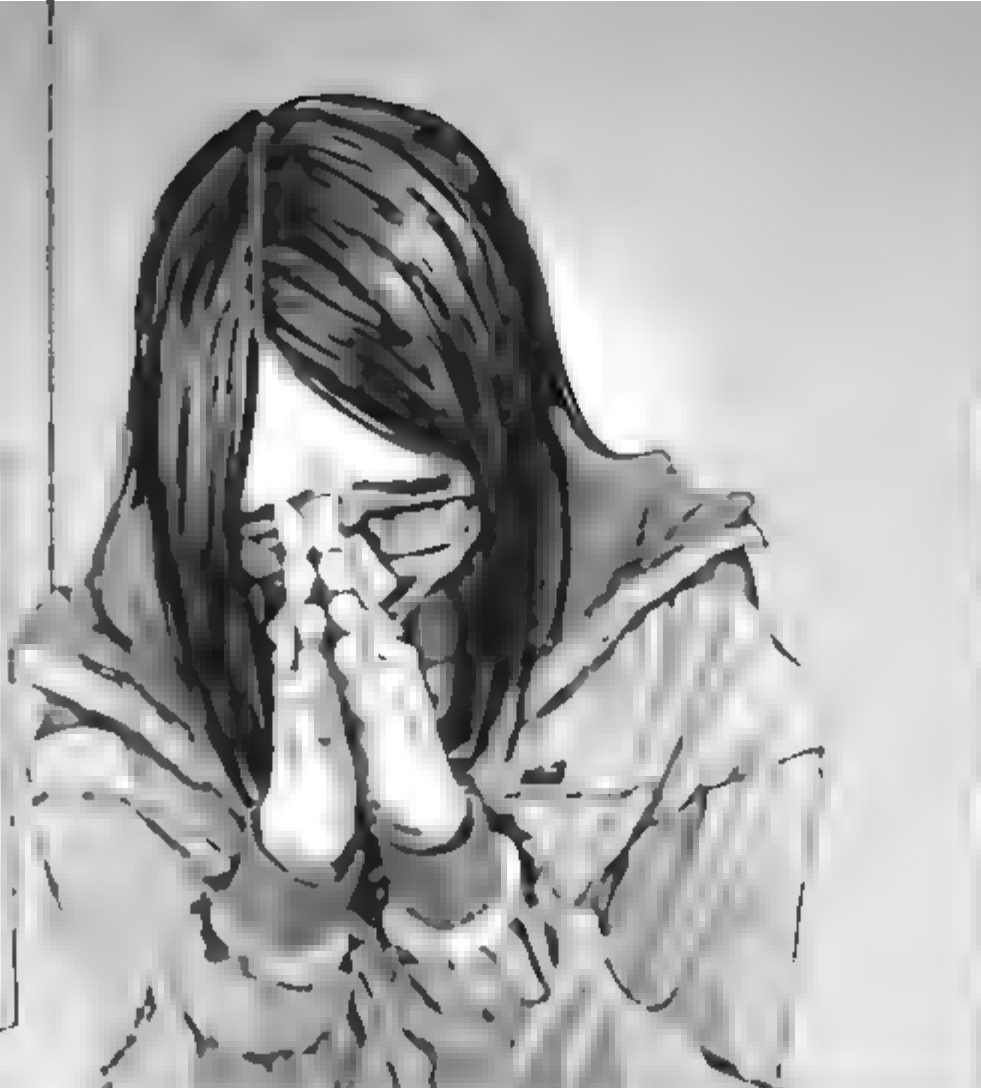
...LET'S  
BUILD A NEW  
WORLD  
TOGETHER.











I'M SURE  
YOU ALL WANT TO  
SEE AN EQUAL,  
HAPPY, SMILING  
WORLD, RIGHT?

I THINK  
RIGHT NOW WE  
CAN GO BEYOND  
RACE, RELIGION  
OR NATIONALITY  
AND  
UNDERSTAND  
EACH OTHER.



...AND CHANGE  
INTO THIS  
PEGASUS  
T-SHIRT.

THEN  
TAKE OFF  
YOUR CLOTHES  
RIGHT NOW...



I WILL  
CONDUCT YOU  
IN SINGING  
A SONG OF  
PRAYER TO  
YOUR HEARTS'  
CONTENT.

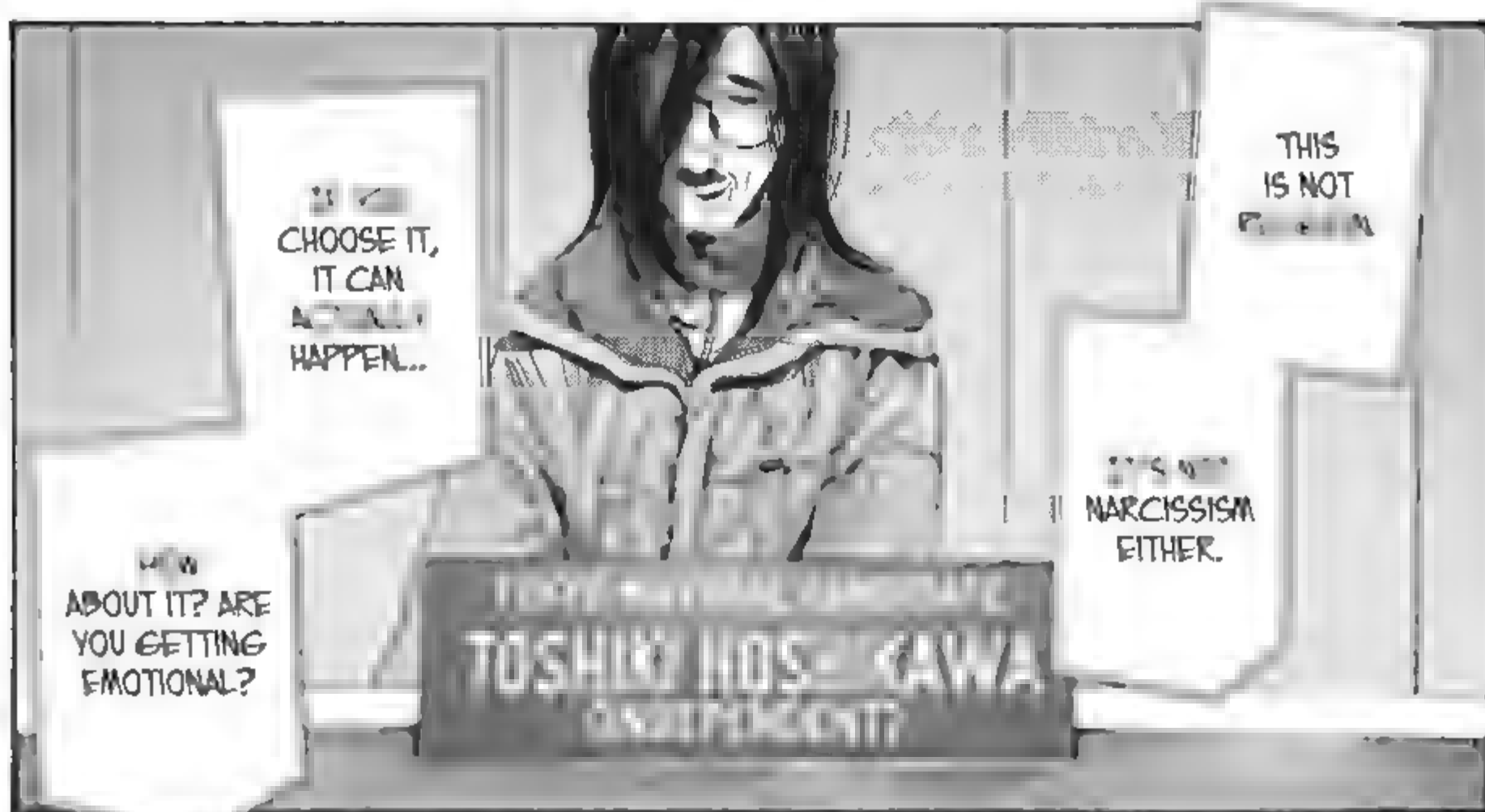
FAMILIES,  
FRIENDS,  
LOVES—  
DISCARD  
SUCH  
PETTY  
COMMUNITIES

GET RID OF  
YOUR HOUSES,  
YOUR ASSETS AND  
YOUR JOBS! GATHER  
AS A MEMBER OF  
PURE HUMANITY IN  
FRONT OF TOKYO  
CITY HALL.





















THEY'RE ALL THE SAME  
TOSHIKI HOSOKAWA  
INDEPENDENT

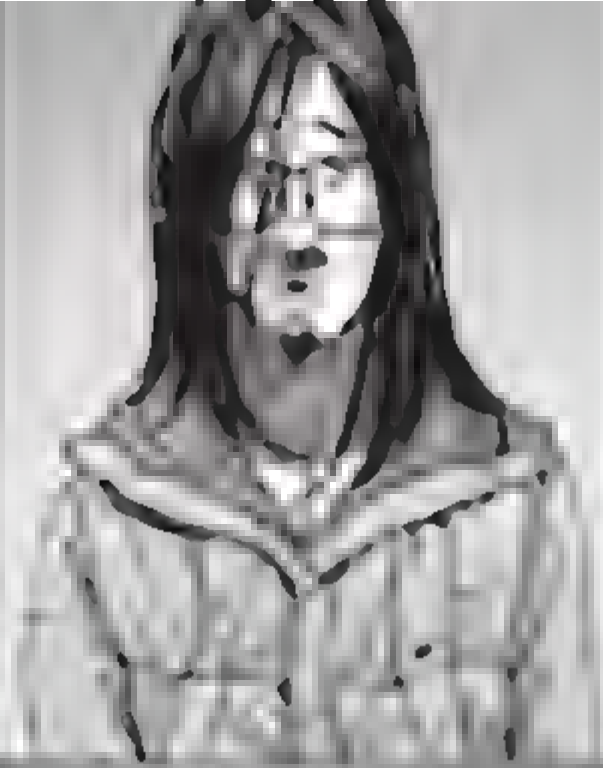


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TOSHIKI HOSOKAWA  
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TOKYO MAYORAL CANDIDATE  
**TOSHIKI HOSHIKAWA**  
(INDEPENDENT)



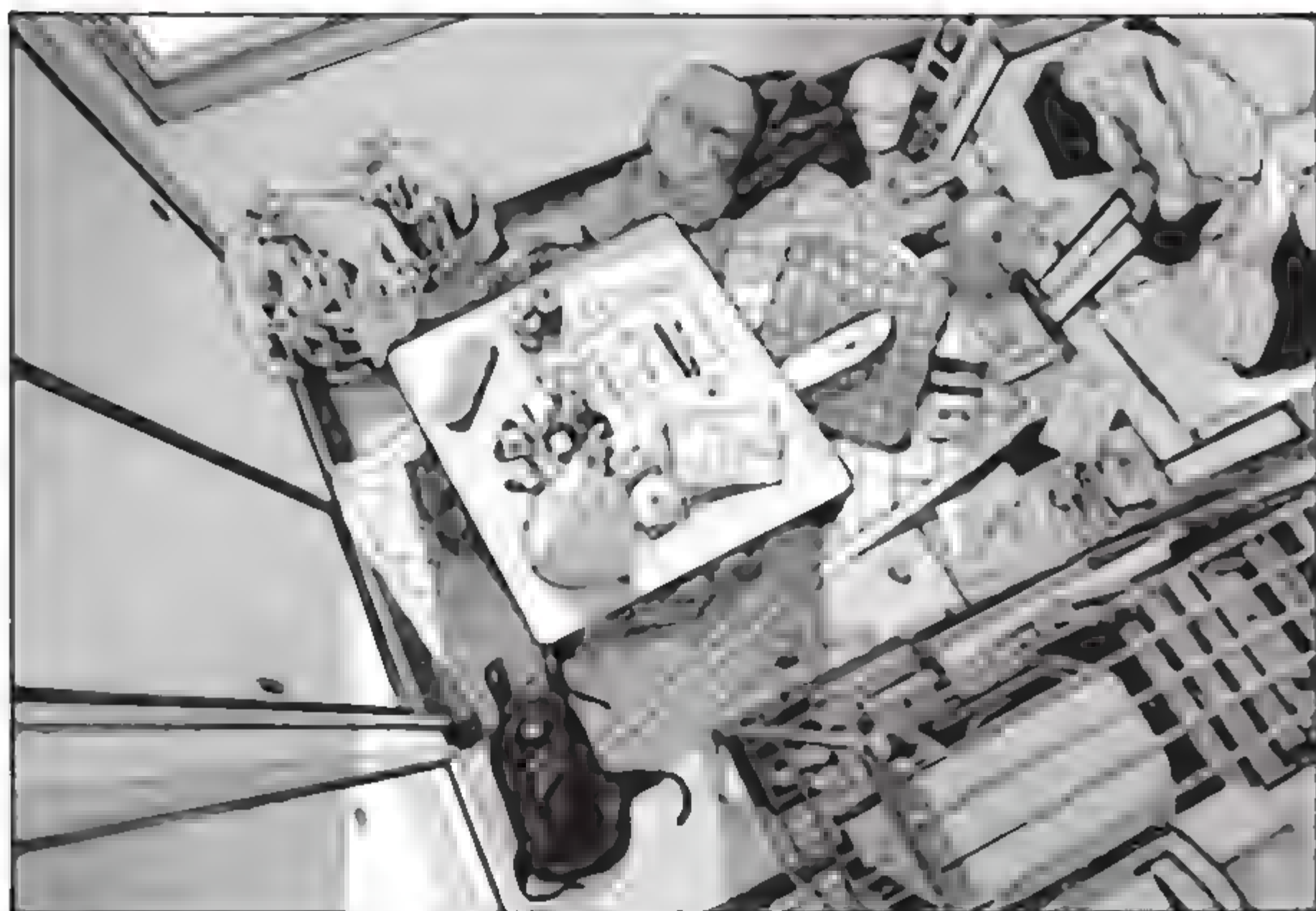
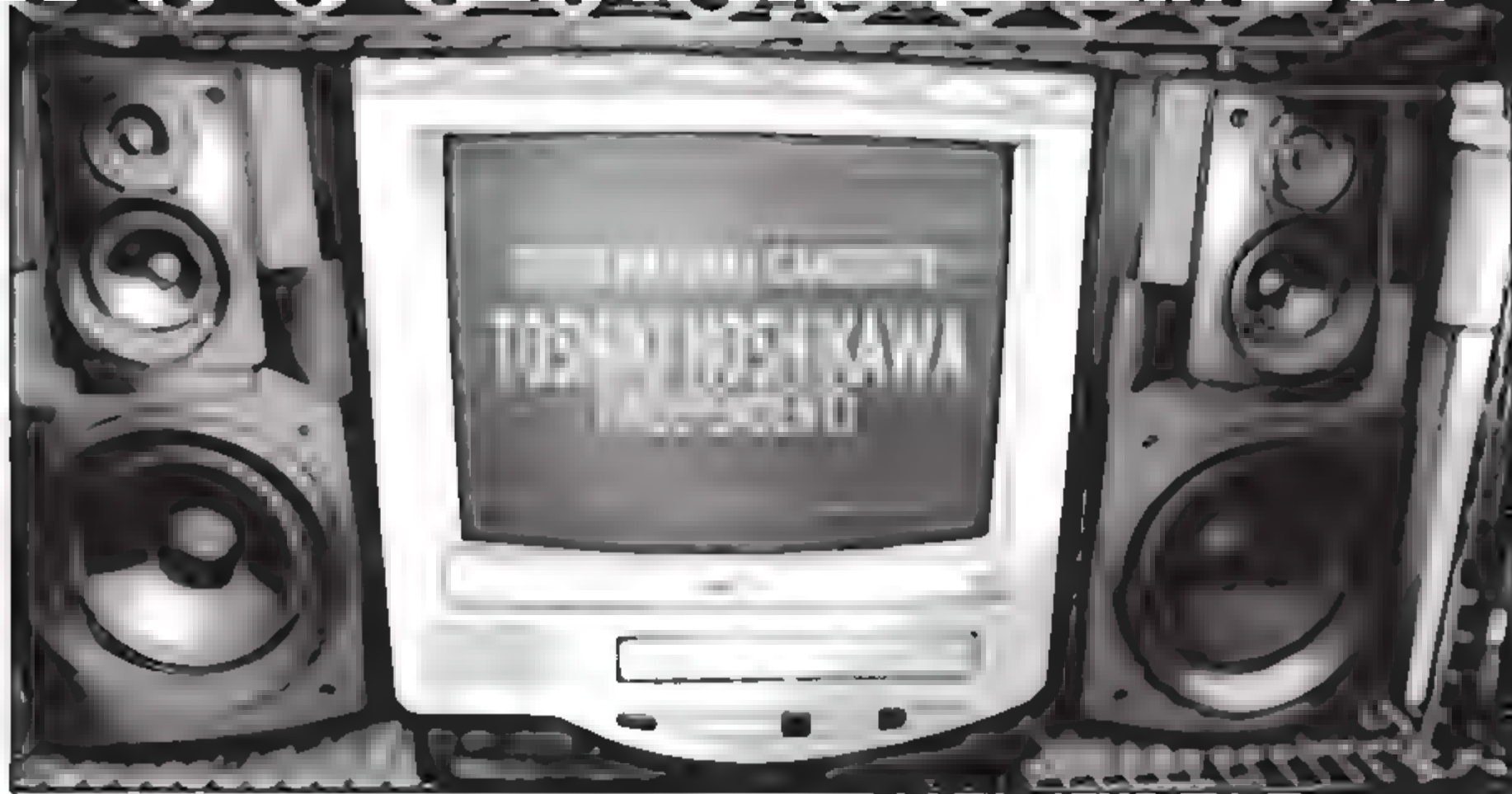
TOKYO MAYORAL CANDIDATE  
**TOSHIKI HOSHIKAWA**  
(INDEPENDENT)

TOKYO MAYORAL CANDIDATE

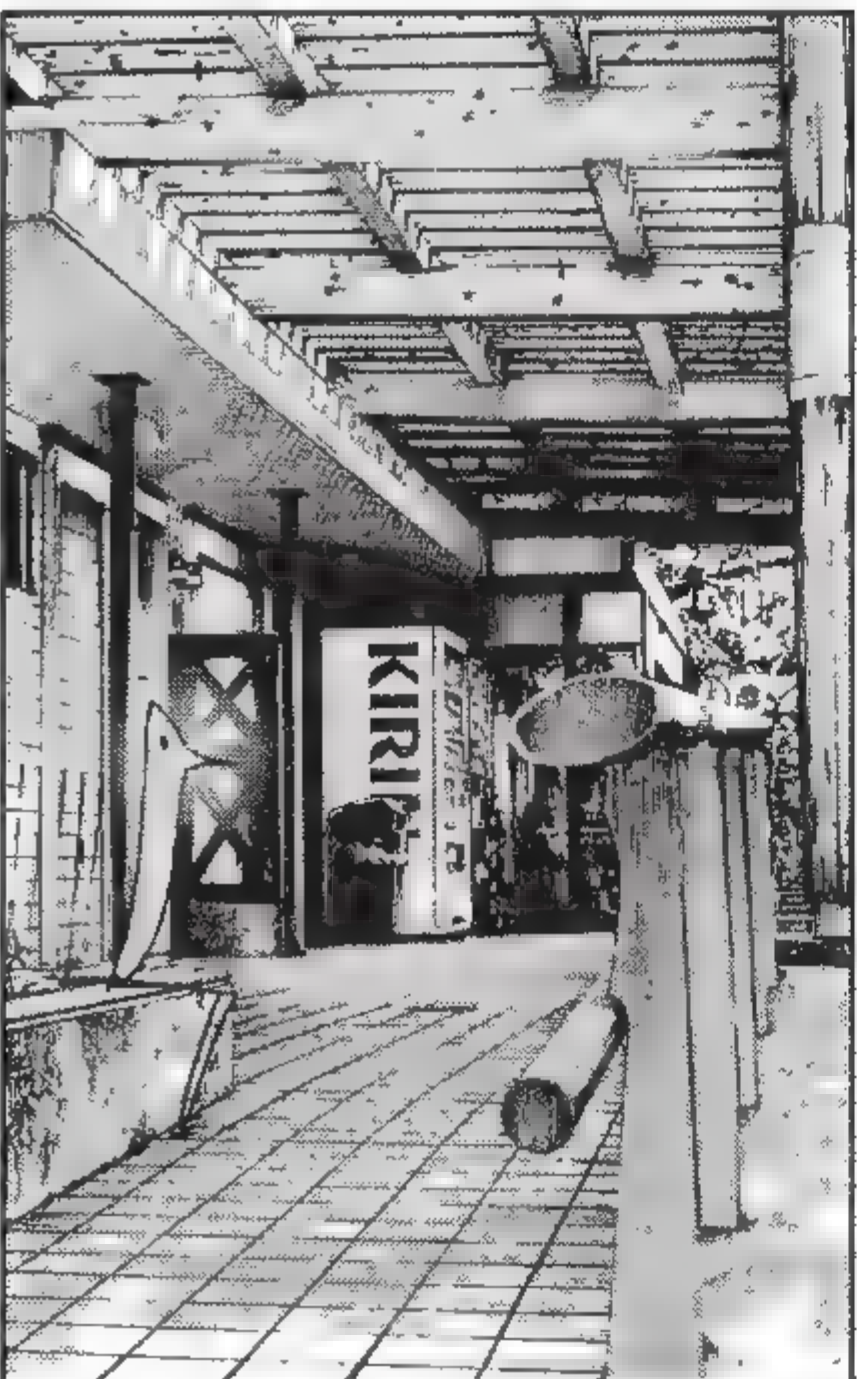
**TOSHIKI HOSHIKAWA**  
(INDEPENDENT)

THIS WAS  
TOSHIKI  
HOSHIKAWA,  
EXPLAINING  
HIS  
POLITICAL  
VIEWS.

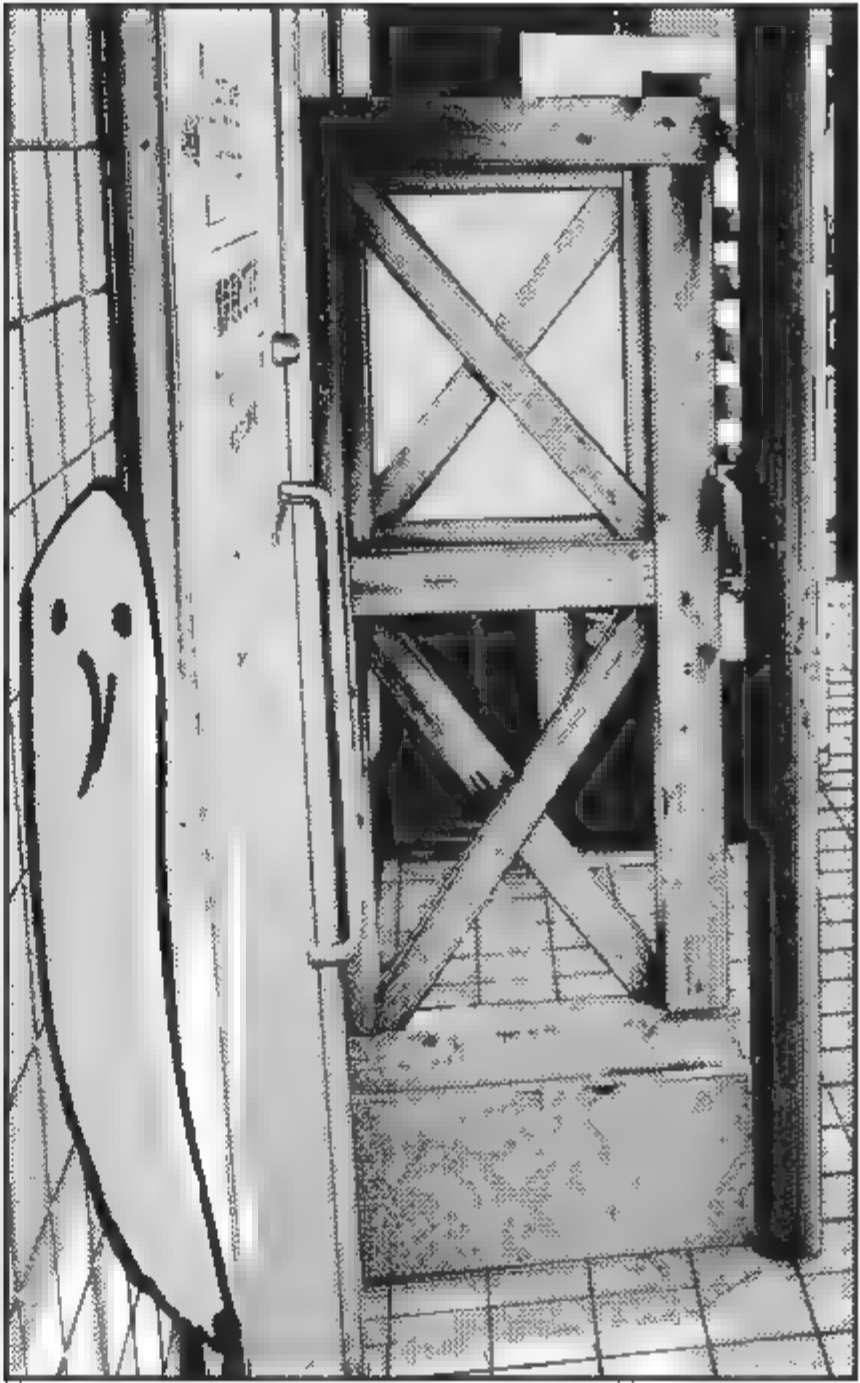








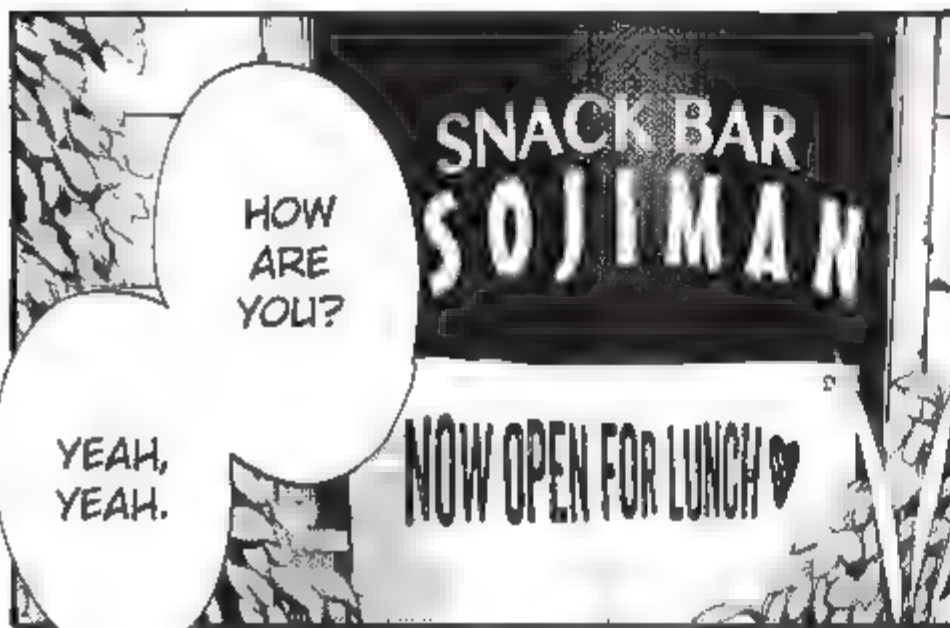












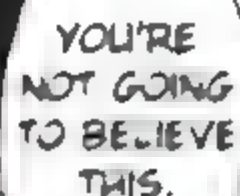




LET'S  
LEAVE SACHI  
HERE AND  
GO TO THE  
DISASTER  
ZONE  
TOGETHER  
TO HELP  
OUT.



MIMURA...

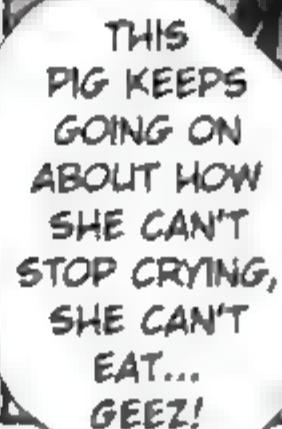


YOU'RE  
NOT GOING  
TO BELIEVE  
THIS.

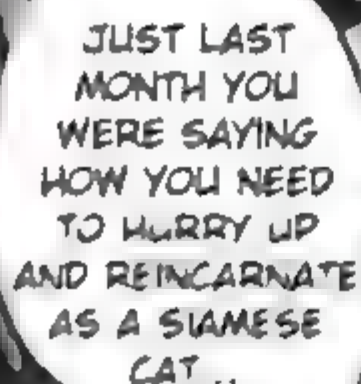


...SCHOOL  
STARTS  
NEXT  
WEEK.

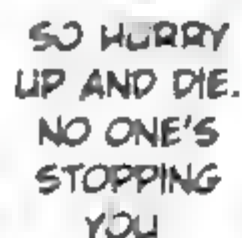
UHH...



THIS  
PIG KEEPS  
GOING ON  
ABOUT HOW  
SHE CAN'T  
STOP CRYING,  
SHE CAN'T  
EAT...  
GEEZ!



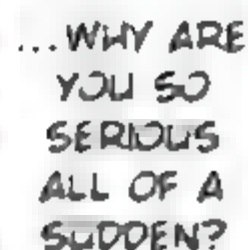
JUST LAST  
MONTH YOU  
WERE SAYING  
HOW YOU NEED  
TO HURRY UP  
AND REINCARNATE  
AS A SIAMESE  
CAT...



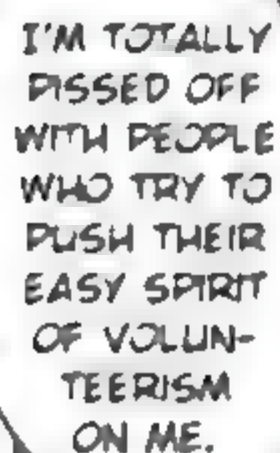
SO HURRY  
UP AND DIE.  
NO ONE'S  
STOPPING  
YOU



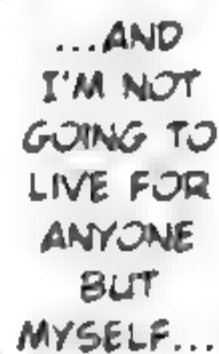
HEY...



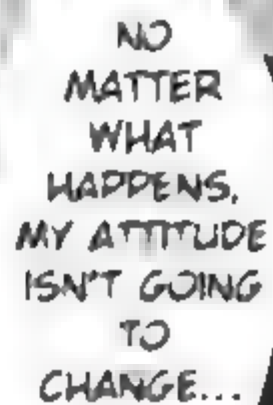
...WHY ARE  
YOU SO  
SERIOUS  
ALL OF A  
SUDDEN?



I'M TOTALLY  
PISSED OFF  
WITH PEOPLE  
WHO TRY TO  
PUSH THEIR  
EASY SPIRIT  
OF VOLUN-  
TEERISM  
ON ME.



...AND  
I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
LIVE FOR  
ANYONE  
BUT  
MYSELF...



NO  
MATTER  
WHAT  
HAPPENS,  
MY ATTITUDE  
ISN'T GOING  
TO  
CHANGE...





I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
YOU WERE  
SO SELFISH  
AND BRUTAL.

ARE YOU  
INCAPABLE  
OF  
SORROW?

SIGH...  
I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
IT...



AND IS IT  
REALLY HEALTHY  
TO SPEND SO  
MUCH ENERGY  
GUILT-TRIPPING  
ME FOR NOT  
STOPPING AT  
THE COLLECTION  
BOXES?

THINK  
ABOUT  
WHICH  
OF US  
IS MORE  
SCREWED  
UP.

WHAT,  
LIKE YOU'RE  
ACTING ON  
TOTALLY  
PURE  
INTENTIONS?  
I DOUBT IT...

YOU JUST  
FEEL GUILTY  
ABOUT HAVING  
A NICE LIFE  
AND WANT THE  
SATISFACTION  
OF WASHING  
THAT FEELING  
AWAY.



YOU'RE  
SO FULL  
OF IT.



SO  
WHAT?



THERE,  
THERE,  
SACHI...

I'M NOT  
REALLY  
SURE WHAT'S  
GOING ON, BUT  
MY ABS ARE  
TELLING ME  
YOU SHOULD  
BOTH CALM  
DOWN.





WHAT?  
YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
HAVE TO  
ACCEPT IT  
EVENTU-  
ALLY.

WHAT'S  
THE POINT  
OF RUNNING  
AWAY FROM  
THE FEAR?

TOKYO  
MAY BE IN  
DANGER,  
AND YOU'RE  
NOT AFRAID  
ENOUGH IN  
GENERAL.

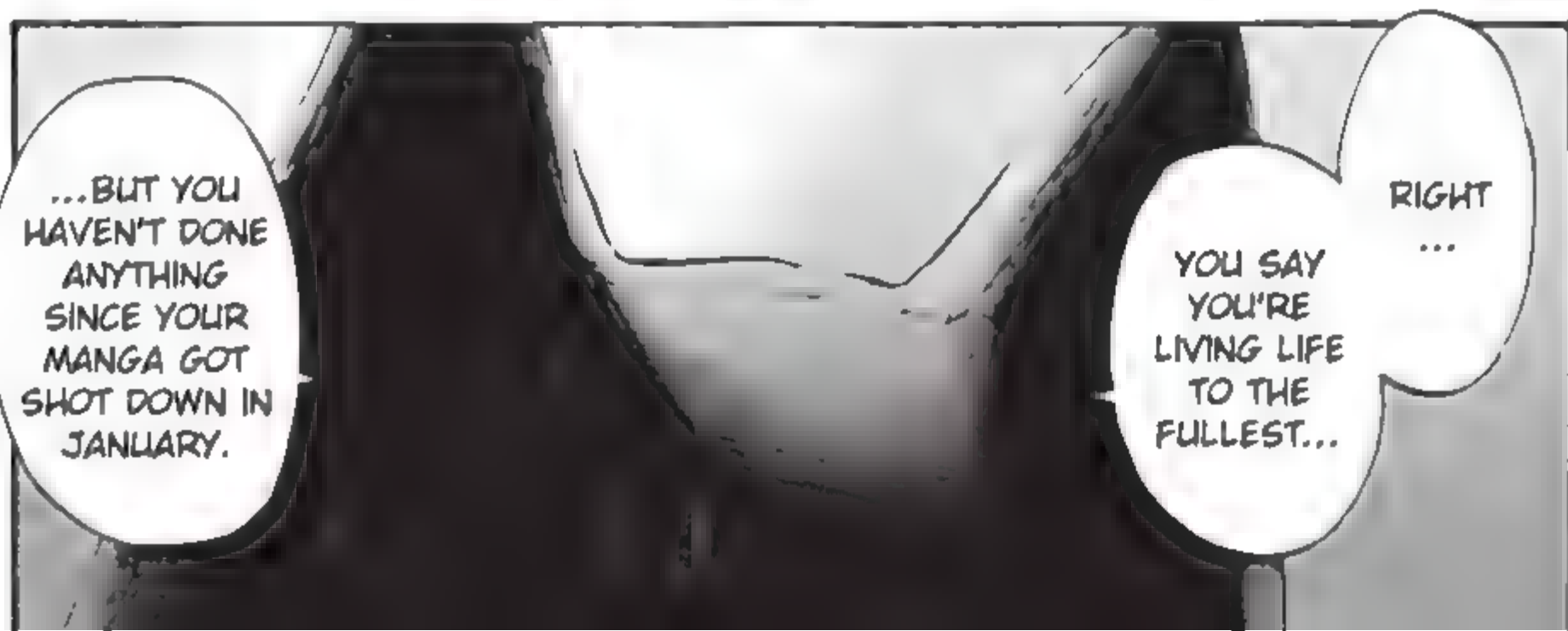
SACHI, YOU  
DON'T SEEM  
TO REALIZE  
THAT IT COULD  
HAPPEN  
TO *US*  
TOMORROW.



I'D  
RATHER DIE  
WITH TOKYO  
THAN RUN  
AWAY FROM  
A LITTLE  
RADIATION.

THAT'S WHY  
I'M LIVING  
LIFE TO THE  
FULLEST. I  
WON'T HAVE  
ANY REGRETS  
WHEN I DIE.

I'M FUNDA-  
MENTALLY  
DIFFERENT  
FROM PEOPLE  
LIKE YOU, WHO  
GREW UP IN  
A PEACEFUL  
WORLD.



...BUT YOU  
HAVEN'T DONE  
ANYTHING  
SINCE YOUR  
MANGA GOT  
SHOT DOWN IN  
JANUARY.

YOU SAY  
YOU'RE  
LIVING LIFE  
TO THE  
FULLEST...

RIGHT  
...





A STORY  
LAMENTING  
THE BOREDOM  
OF AN  
ORDINARY LIFE  
HAS ABOUT  
AS MUCH  
SUBSTANCE  
AS AIR.

I GUESS  
THAT'S TO  
BE EXPECTED  
WITH THE KIND  
OF MANNA  
YOU'RE AIMING  
FOR

HAVE  
YOU AND  
PUNPUN  
HIT A  
WALL?



YOU  
SHOULD  
TRY  
CHANGING  
TOO,  
SACHI

THE  
WORLD  
KEEPS  
CHANGING



JUST  
REMEMBER  
YOU SAID  
THIS

BECAUSE IN  
A FEW MONTHS  
YOU'LL BE  
STUFFING YOUR  
FACE LIKE NOTHING  
HAPPENED AND ALL  
THIS SUFFERING  
WILL BE  
COMPLETELY  
FORGOTTEN.

BESIDES,  
YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO DOESN'T  
CHANGE NO  
MATTER WHAT'S  
HAPPENING IN  
THE WORLD

THIS  
IS NOT  
ENOUGH TO  
MAKE ME  
CHANGE





THERE,  
THERE

IT'S NOT  
THAT BIG A  
DEAL



SHUT  
UP YOU,  
INSENSITIVE  
COW!



ALL RIGHT,  
COME AT ME!  
I'LL REALLY  
MAKE YOU  
CRY.



LET'S  
ALL GET  
TOGETHER  
AND GO SEE  
THEM.

THE  
CHERRY  
BLOSSOMS  
WILL BE  
IN FULL  
BLOOM  
SOON.

ACTUALLY



YES, YES  
THAT'S  
THE WAY.

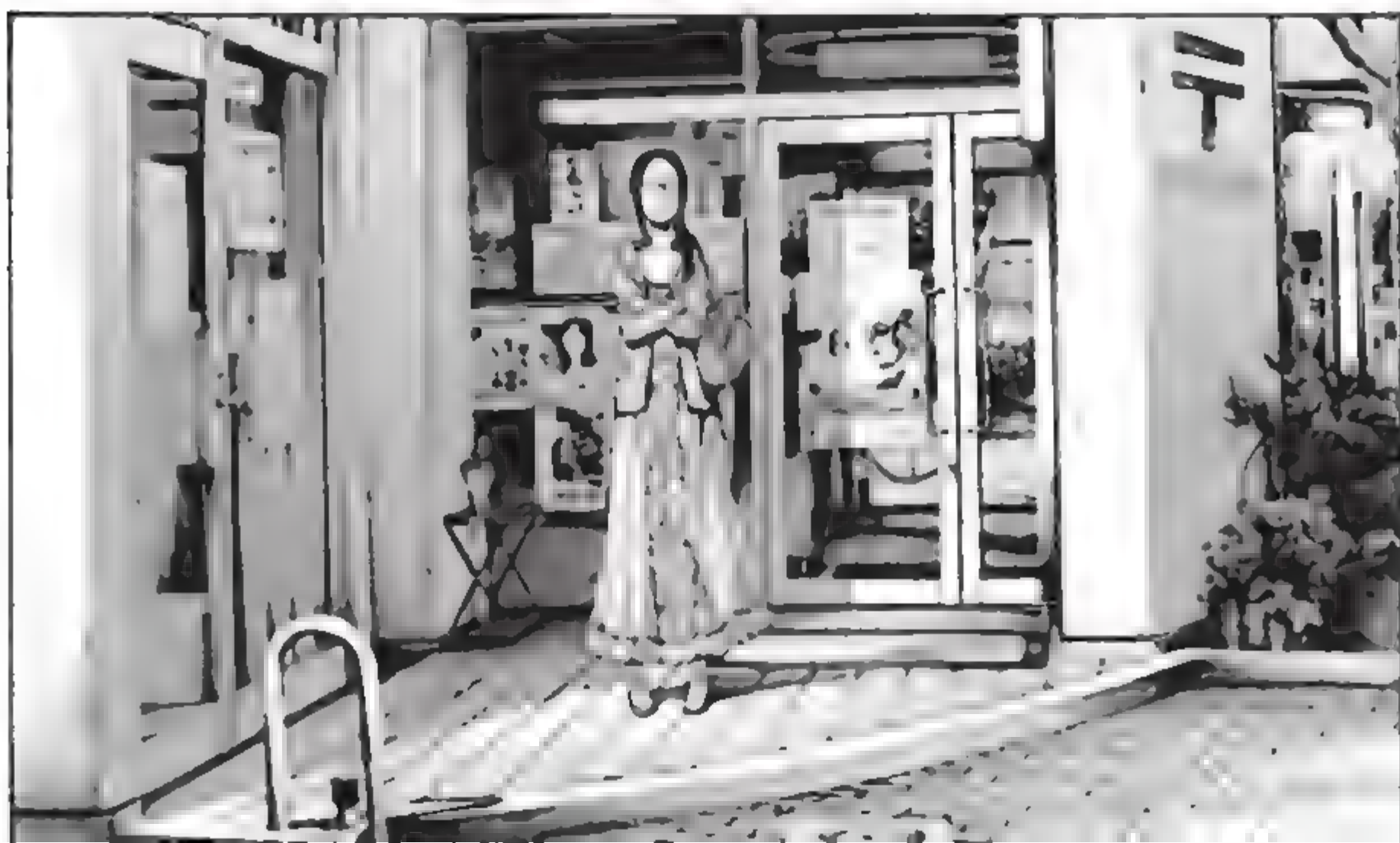
VERY  
MODERN  
AND  
ARTISTIC

OH, AND  
YOUR  
PLASTIC  
FACE...

SO  
SENSUAL  
AND  
SEXY.

OH,  
MADAM,  
WHAT  
LOVELY  
FLAB...









I'M SURE HE'S JUST SITTING AT HOME, CRYING.

...WE HAVEN'T BEEN IN TOUCH LATELY.

NO.



OH, WHERE'S PUNPUN?



WHY AREN'T THE TWO OF YOU GOING OUT?

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED...



YOU GUYS AREN'T TOGETHER TODAY?



IMAGINE WHAT YOU WILL.

DON'T KNOW



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Sachikino  
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KEEP THIS RECEIPT IN A SAFE PLACE

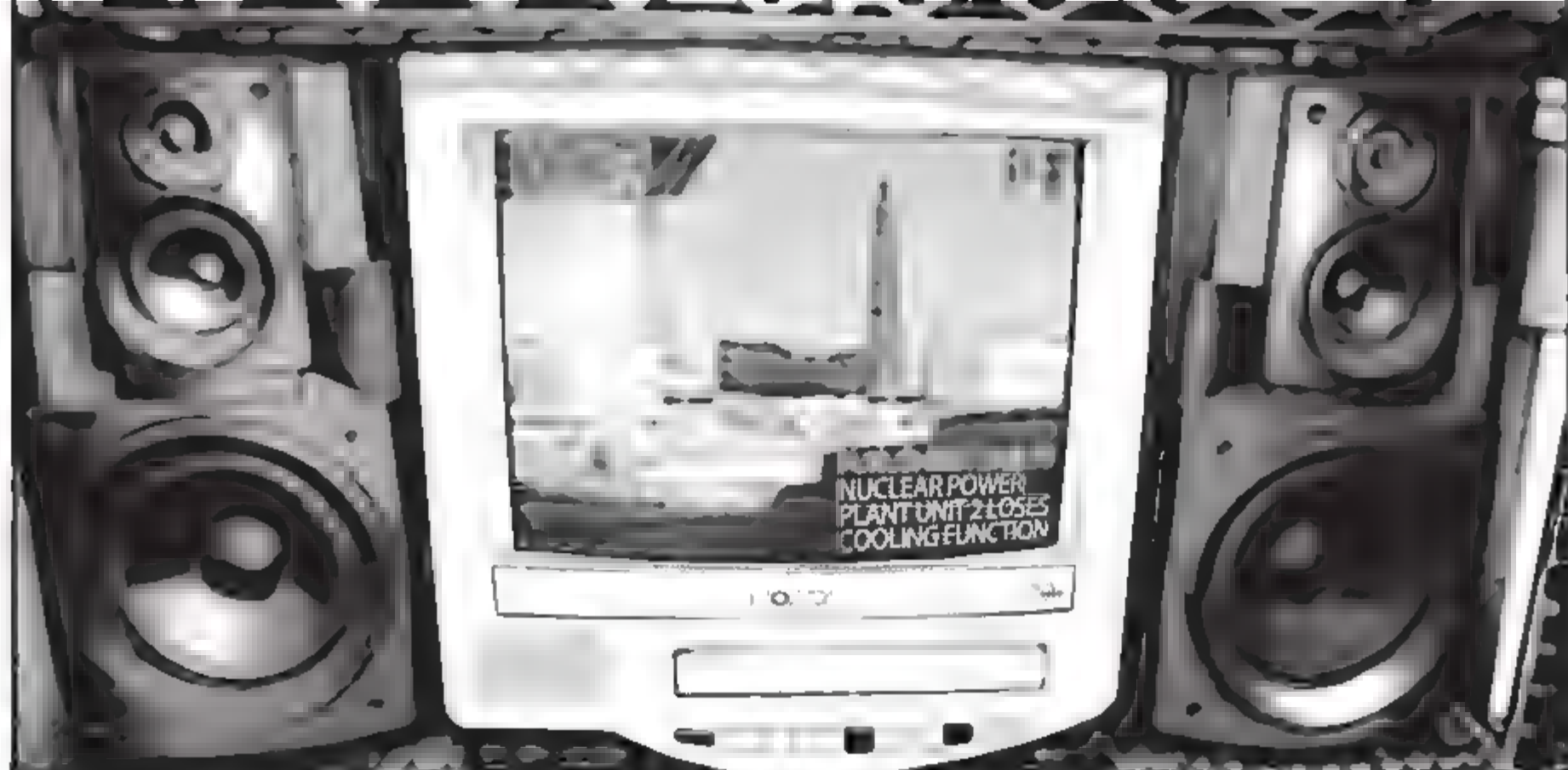
















UGH,  
IT'S  
FILTHY  
IN  
HERE...

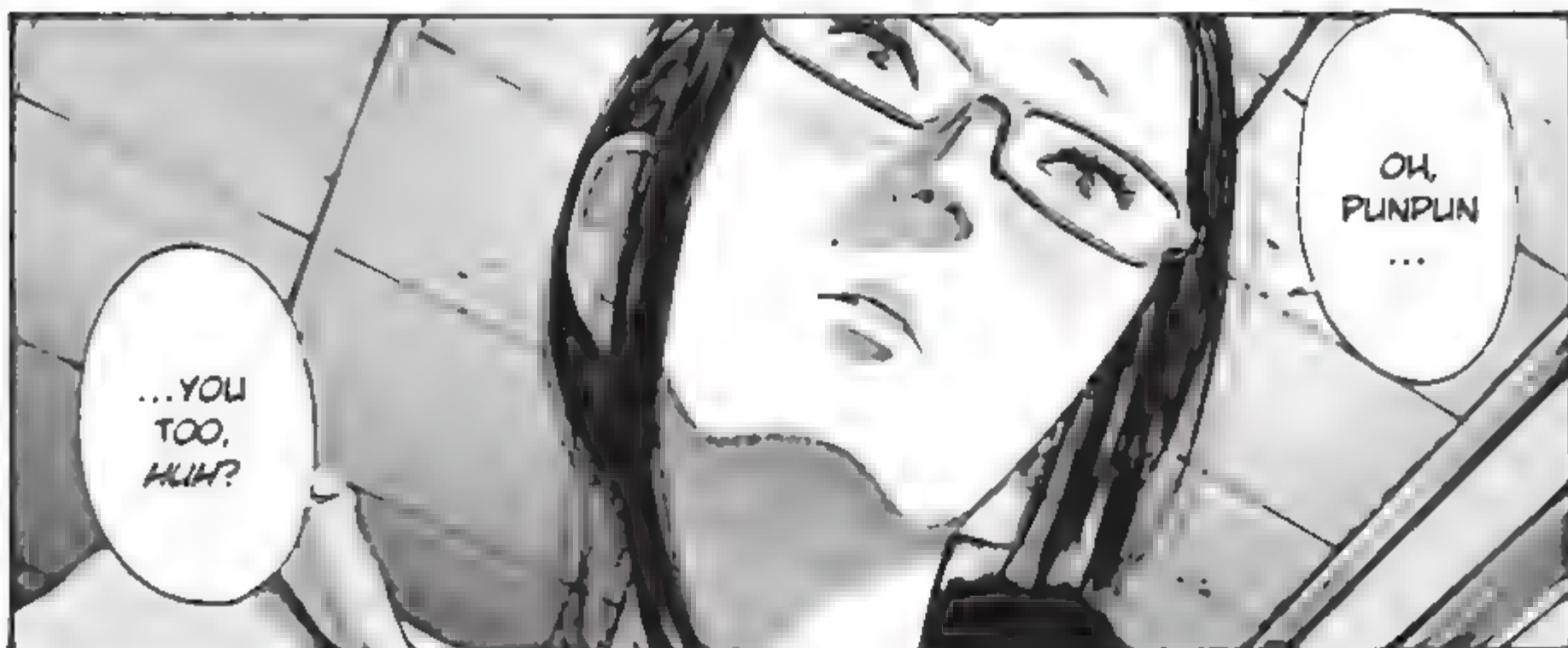
DO YOU  
WANT ME  
TO HELP  
CLEAN  
UP?



I'M  
COMING  
IN.



9  
7



...YOU  
TOO,  
HUM?

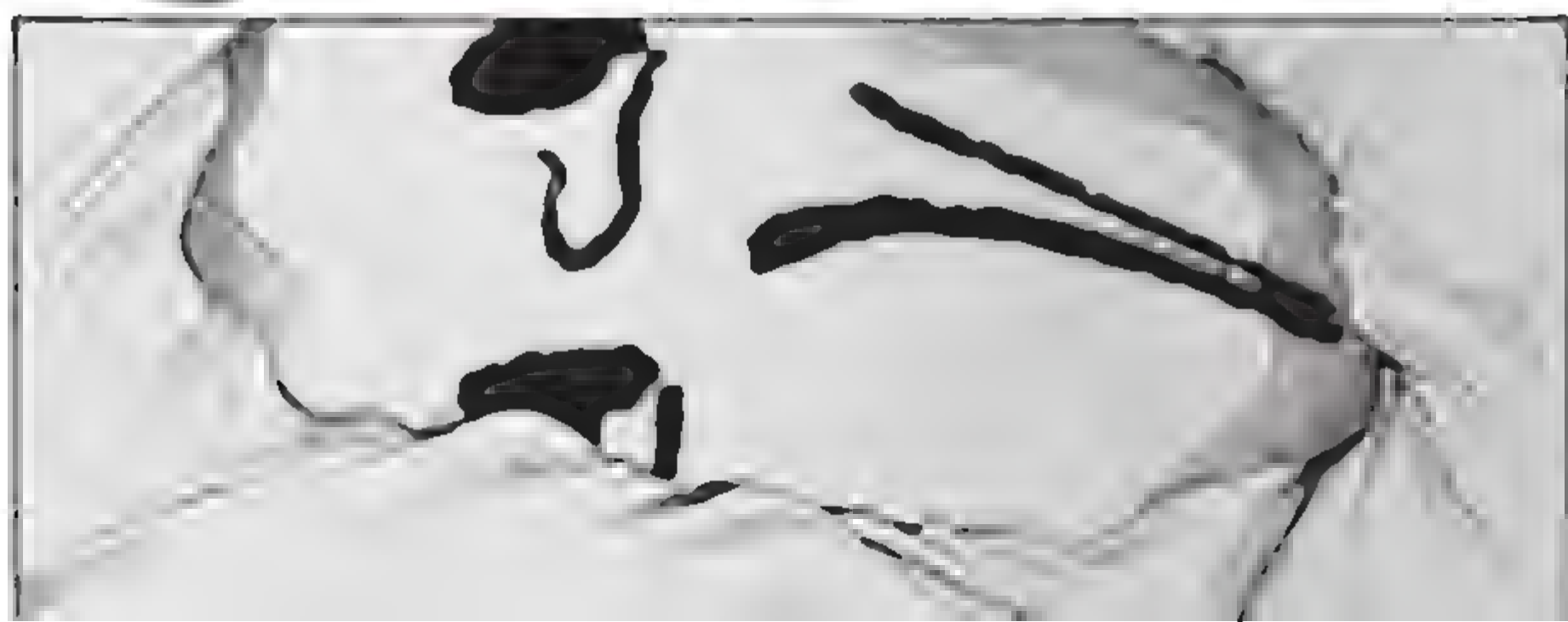
OH,  
PUNPLIN  
...



ARE YOU  
MAKING  
PROGRESS  
ON THE  
MANGA?

AS  
IF.







"...about  
how  
utterly  
useless  
I am."

"For the  
past few  
weeks,  
I've been  
thinking..."

THAT  
WORKS  
FOR  
NOW...

ONE DAY  
YOU MIGHT  
ACTUALLY BE  
USEFUL TO  
SOMEONE.

...BUT  
LET'S THINK  
ABOUT THE  
FUTURE.

"I feel like  
all I do is  
hold you  
back."

JUST  
DO  
WHAT  
I TELL  
YOU...

...AND  
EVERYTHING  
WILL BE  
FINE.

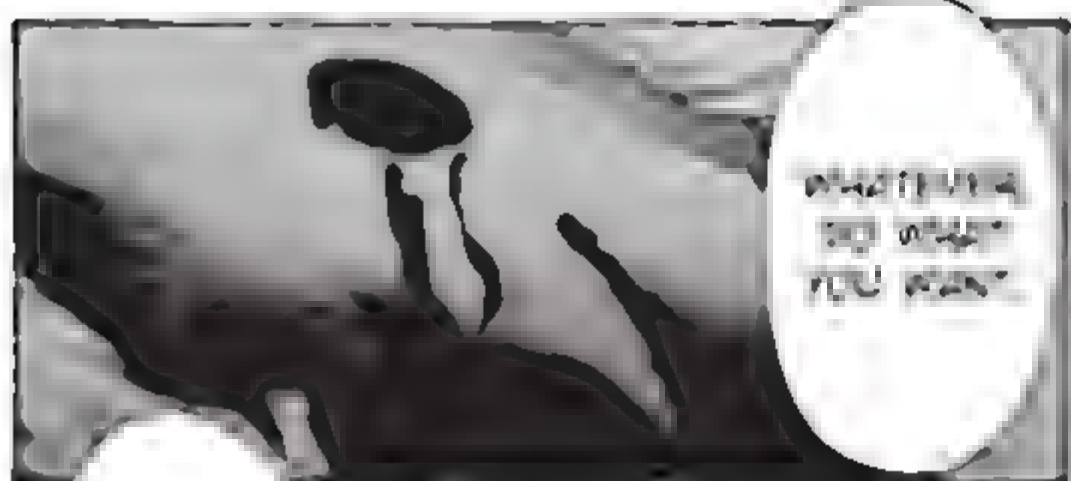
HOLD  
ME  
BACK?

I DON'T  
THINK YOU  
NEED TO  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT.



"I'm  
your  
pet?"

"So  
then..."



WHATEVER  
YOU WANT  
YOU WANT



DO YOU  
HAVE A  
PEN IN  
YOUR  
HAND



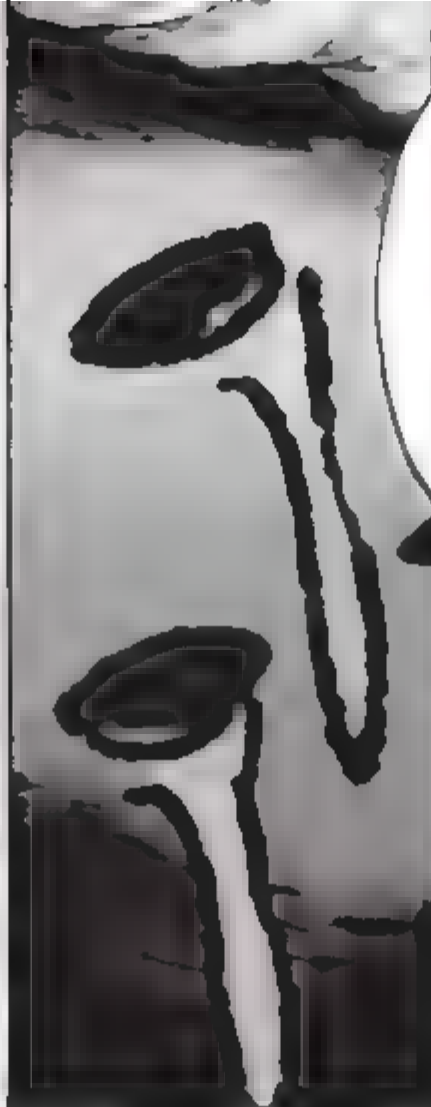
DO YOU  
HAVE A  
PEN IN  
YOUR  
HAND

DO YOU  
HAVE A  
PEN IN  
YOUR  
HAND





YOUR  
TEARS ARE  
UNPRODUC-  
TIVE.



I CAN  
MAKE A  
CLEVER,  
AMAZING,  
AWARD-  
WINNING  
MANGA ALL  
ON MY OWN  
IF I WANT.



...TO  
YOU OR  
ANYONE  
ELSE.

IT'S  
NO USE  
SAYING  
ANY-  
THING...



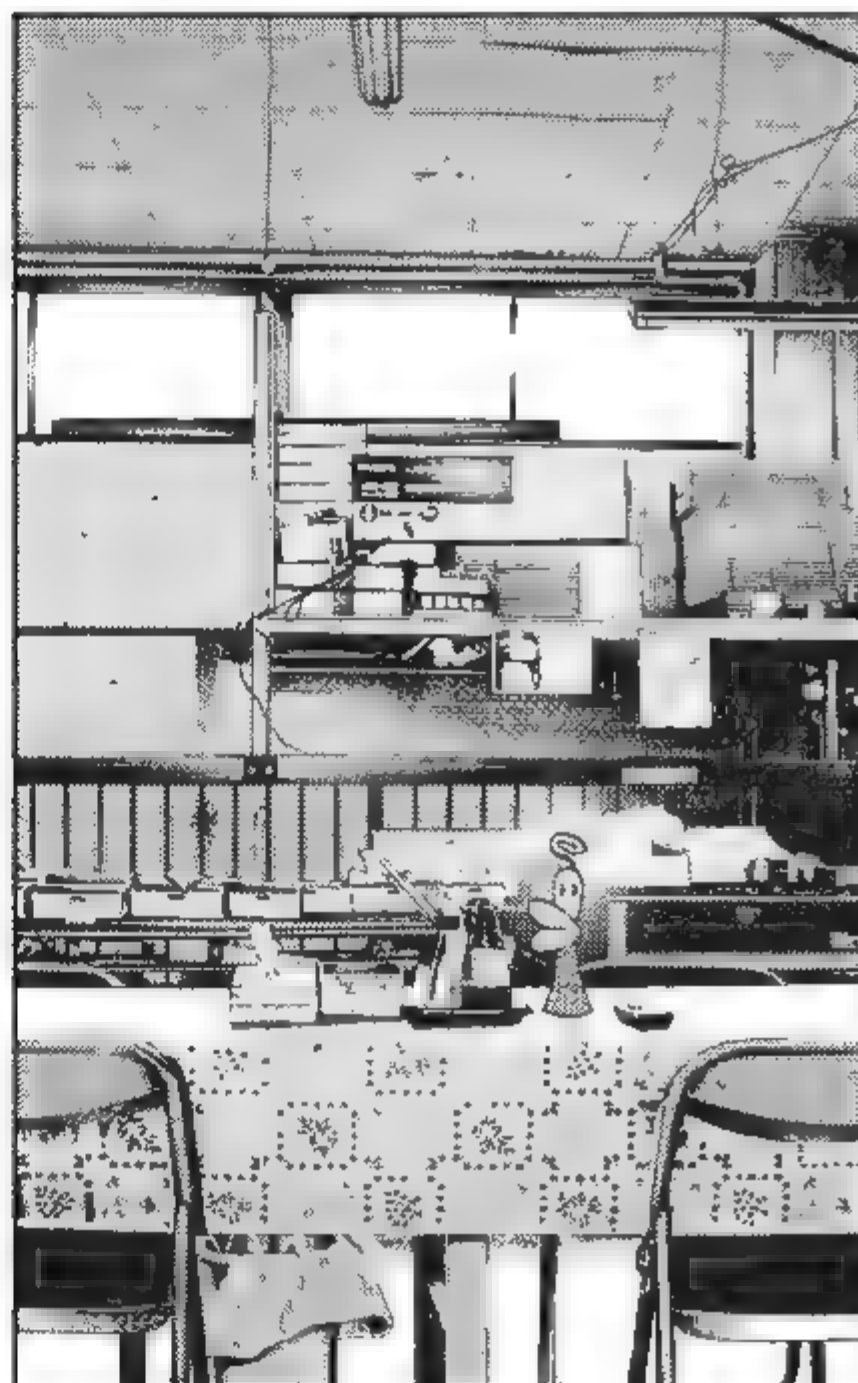














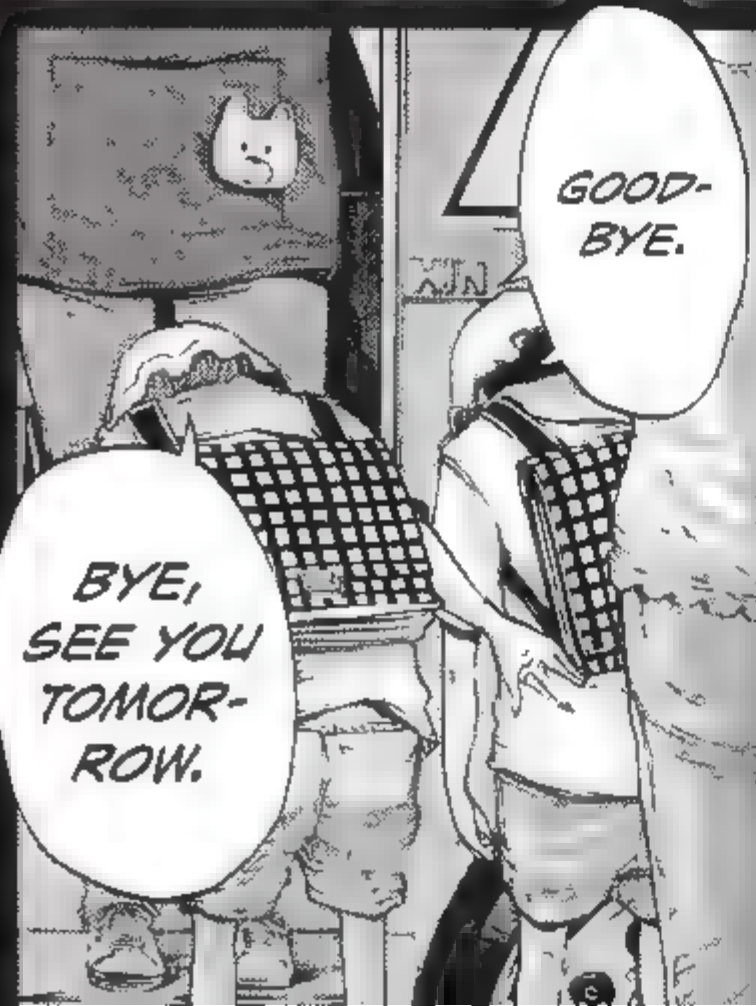
A  
A  
A  
R  
G  
H!

HEY,  
SHAMU.


Knee

IS  
YOUR  
MOM...









MASUMI'S  
PARENTS ARE  
VERY BUSY  
AT WORK,  
SO YOU TWO  
HAVE TO GET  
ALONG.

KOJI...



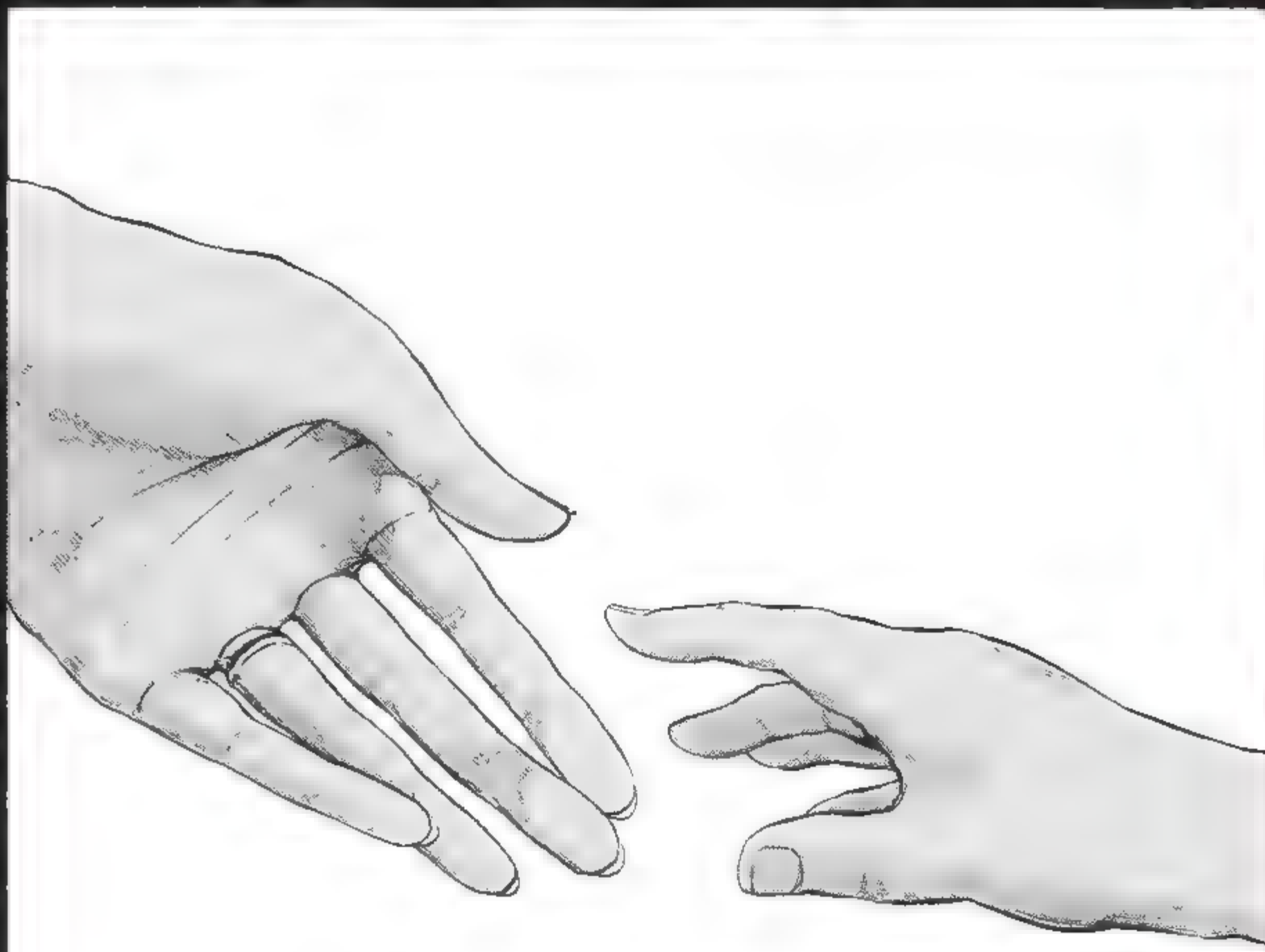
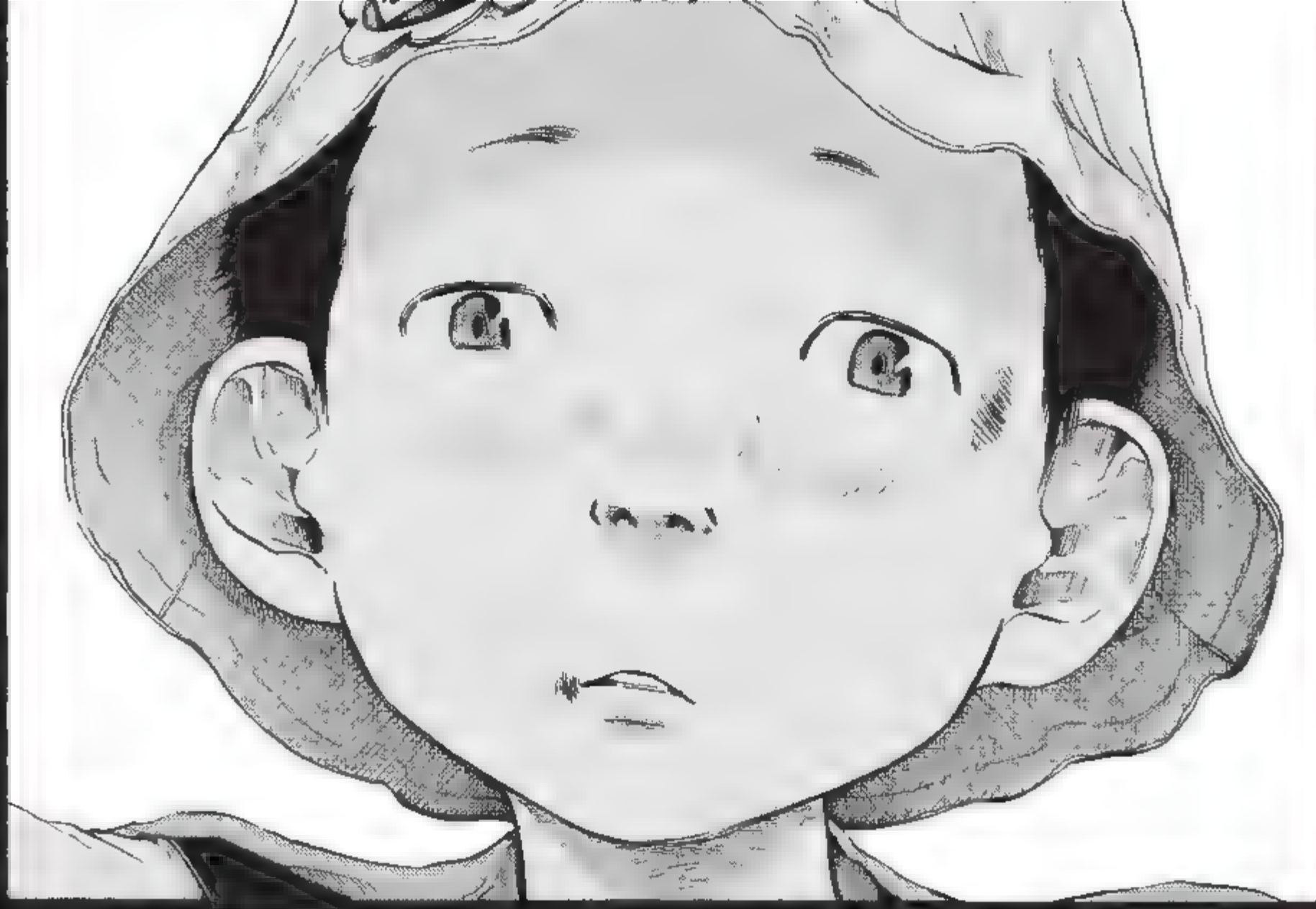
LET'S  
ALL  
HOLD  
HANDS  
AND  
WALK  
HOME.

HEY,  
MASUMI,  
DON'T BE  
SHY...



WHA  
...?





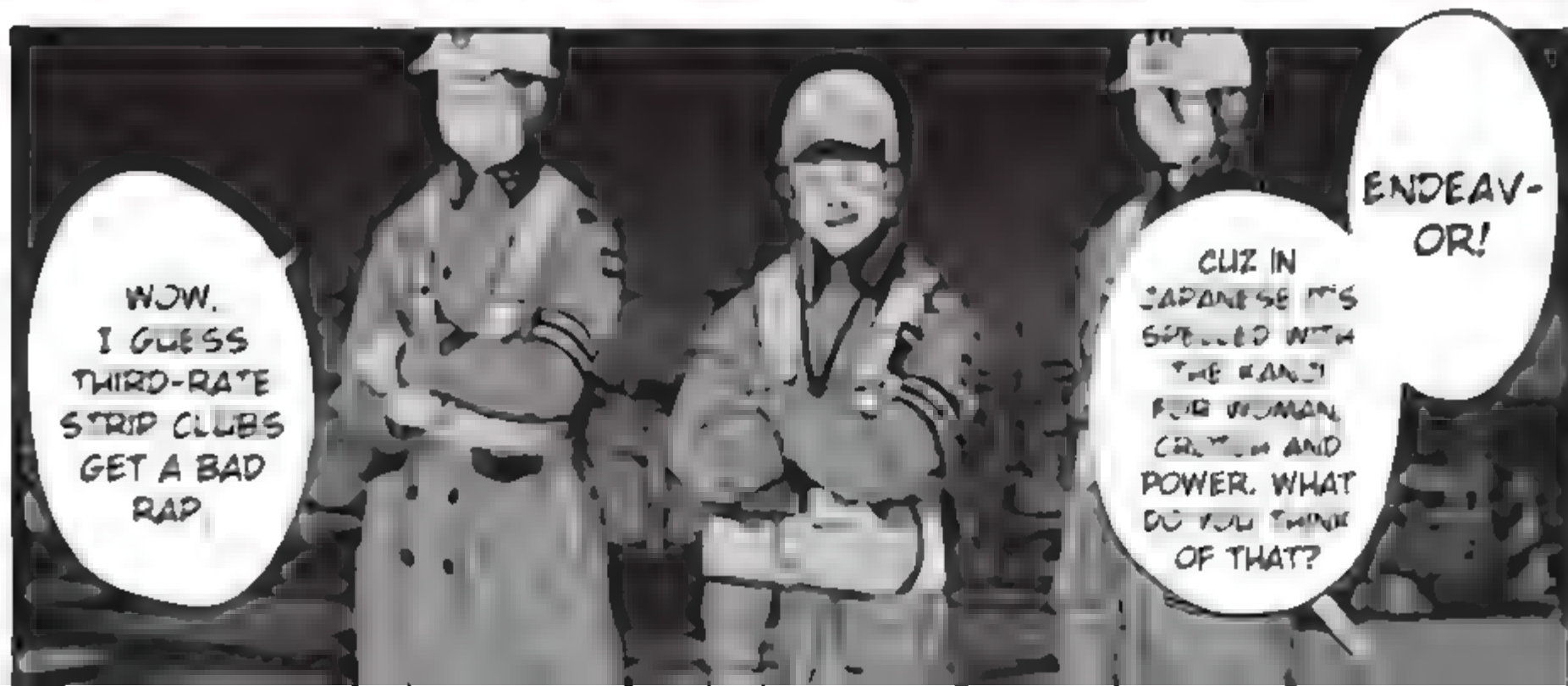


HEY

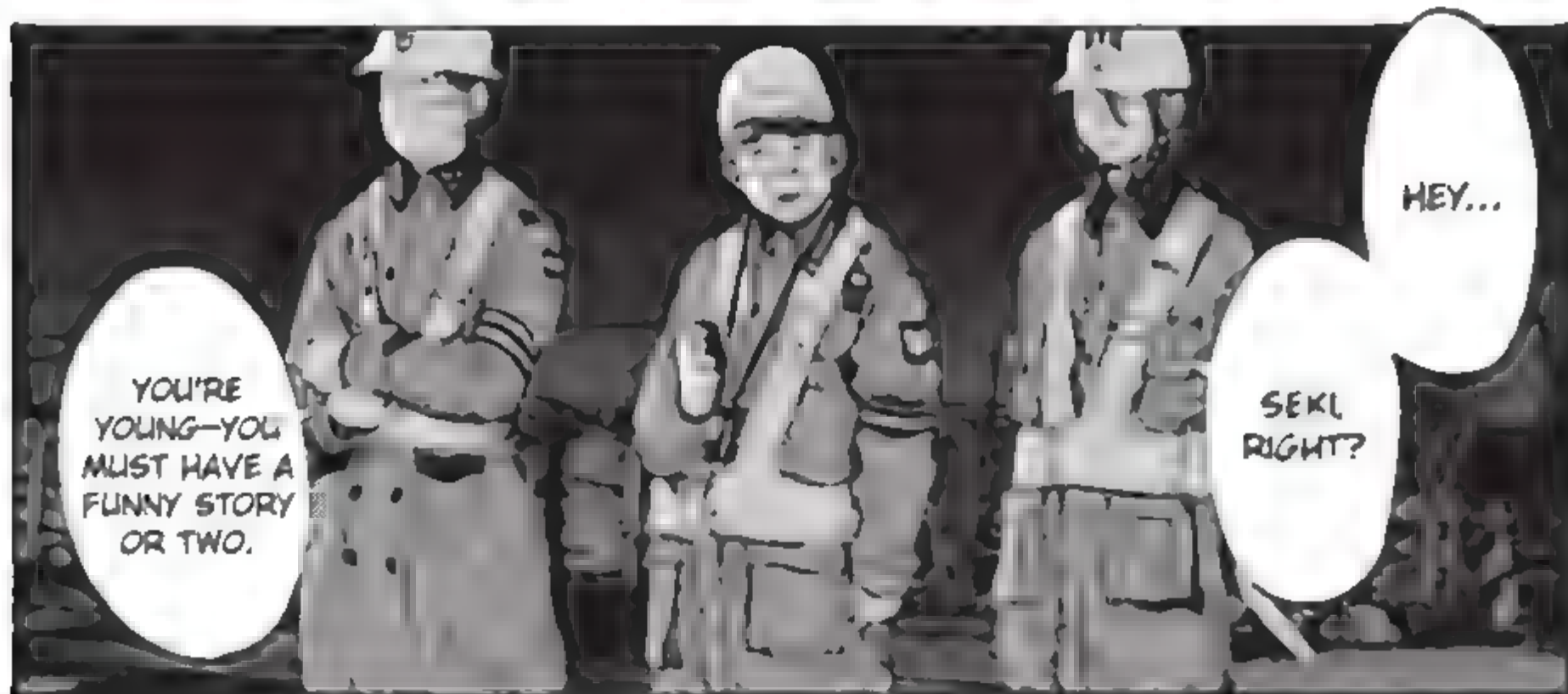
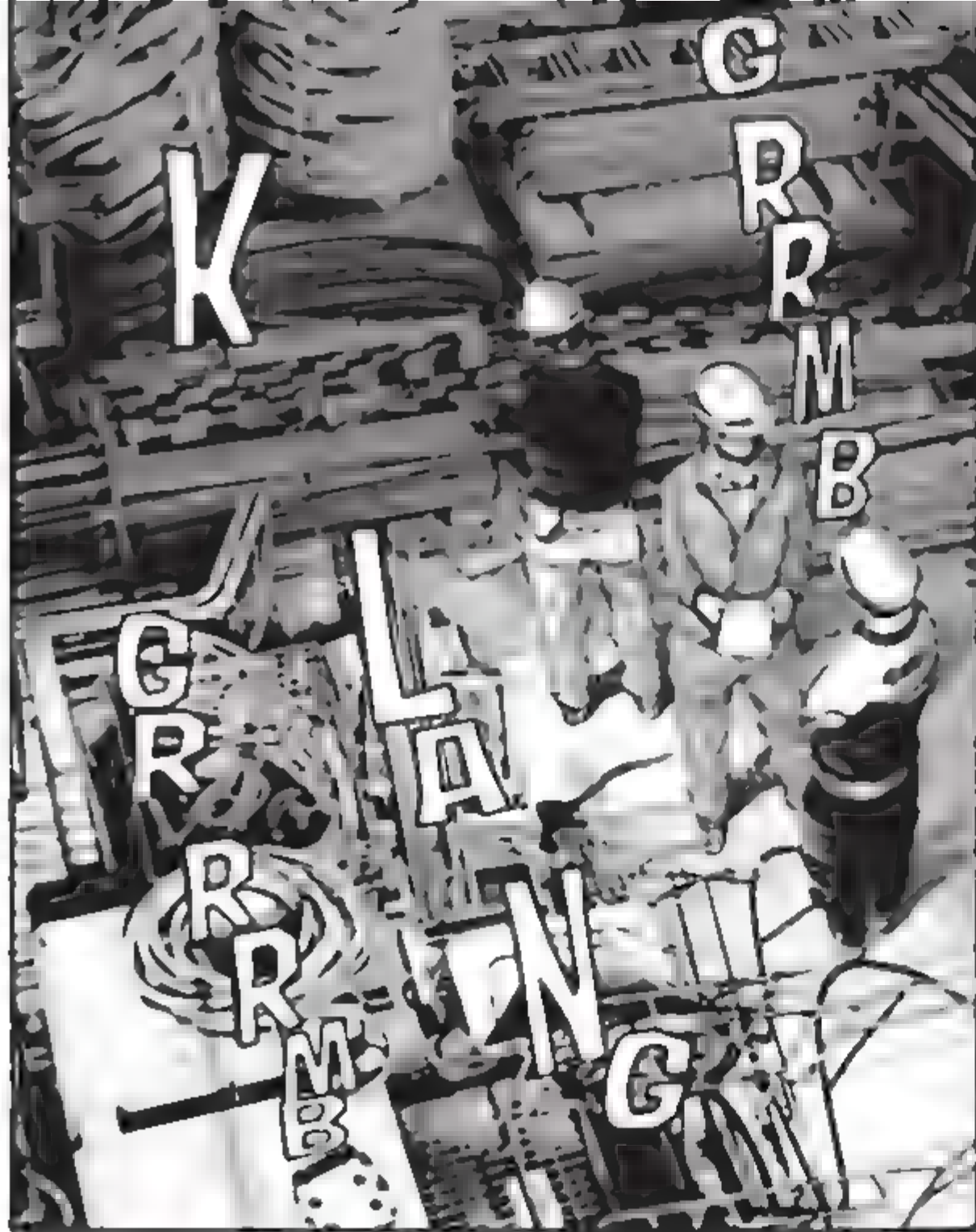
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HEY.

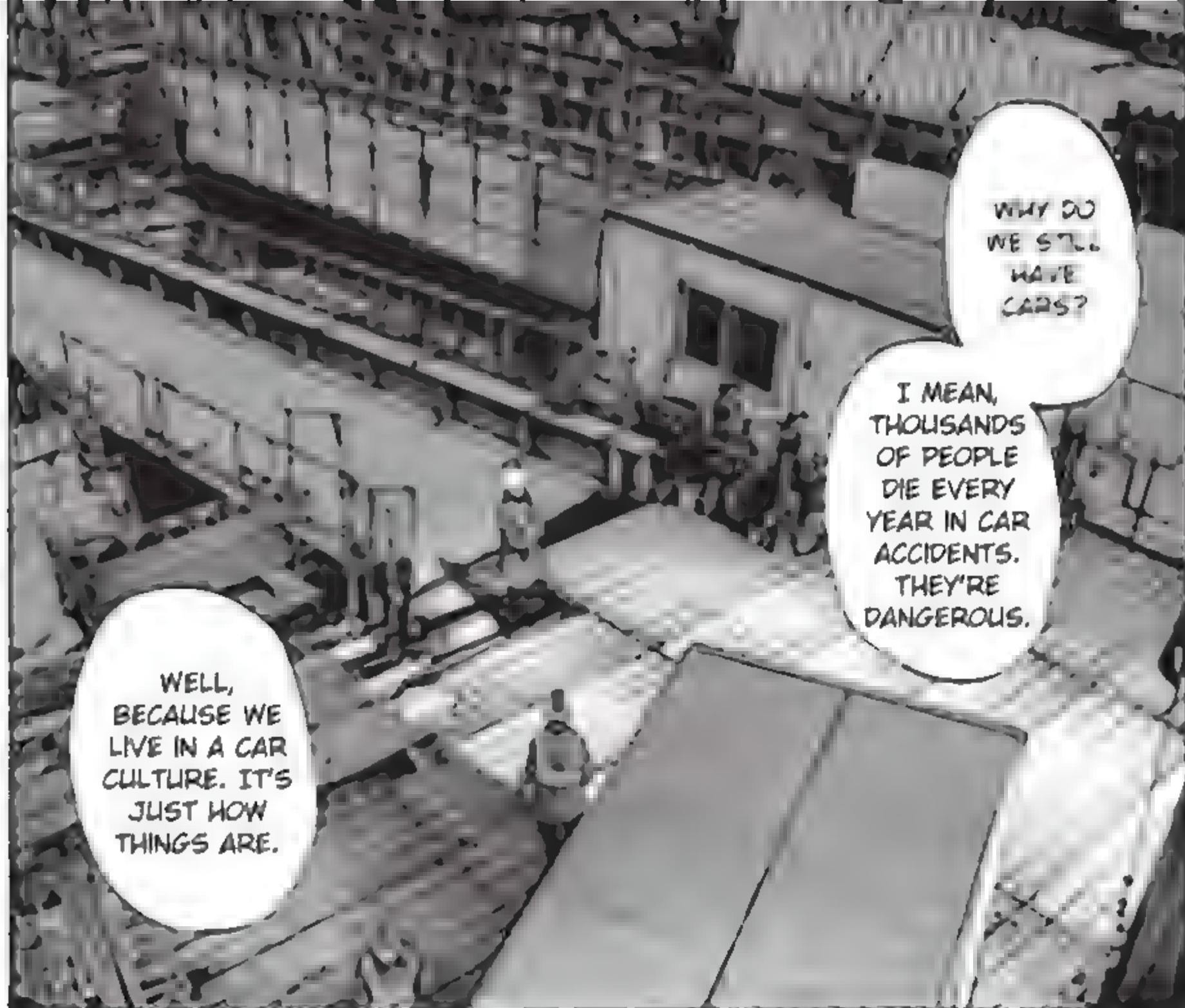












WHY DO  
WE STILL  
HAVE  
CARS?

I MEAN,  
THOUSANDS  
OF PEOPLE  
DIE EVERY  
YEAR IN CAR  
ACCIDENTS.  
THEY'RE  
DANGEROUS.

WELL,  
BECAUSE WE  
LIVE IN A CAR  
CULTURE. IT'S  
JUST HOW  
THINGS ARE.



SHUT UP  
GO FIND THE  
RED-LIGHT  
DISTRICT  
AND GET  
YOURSELF  
LAID.

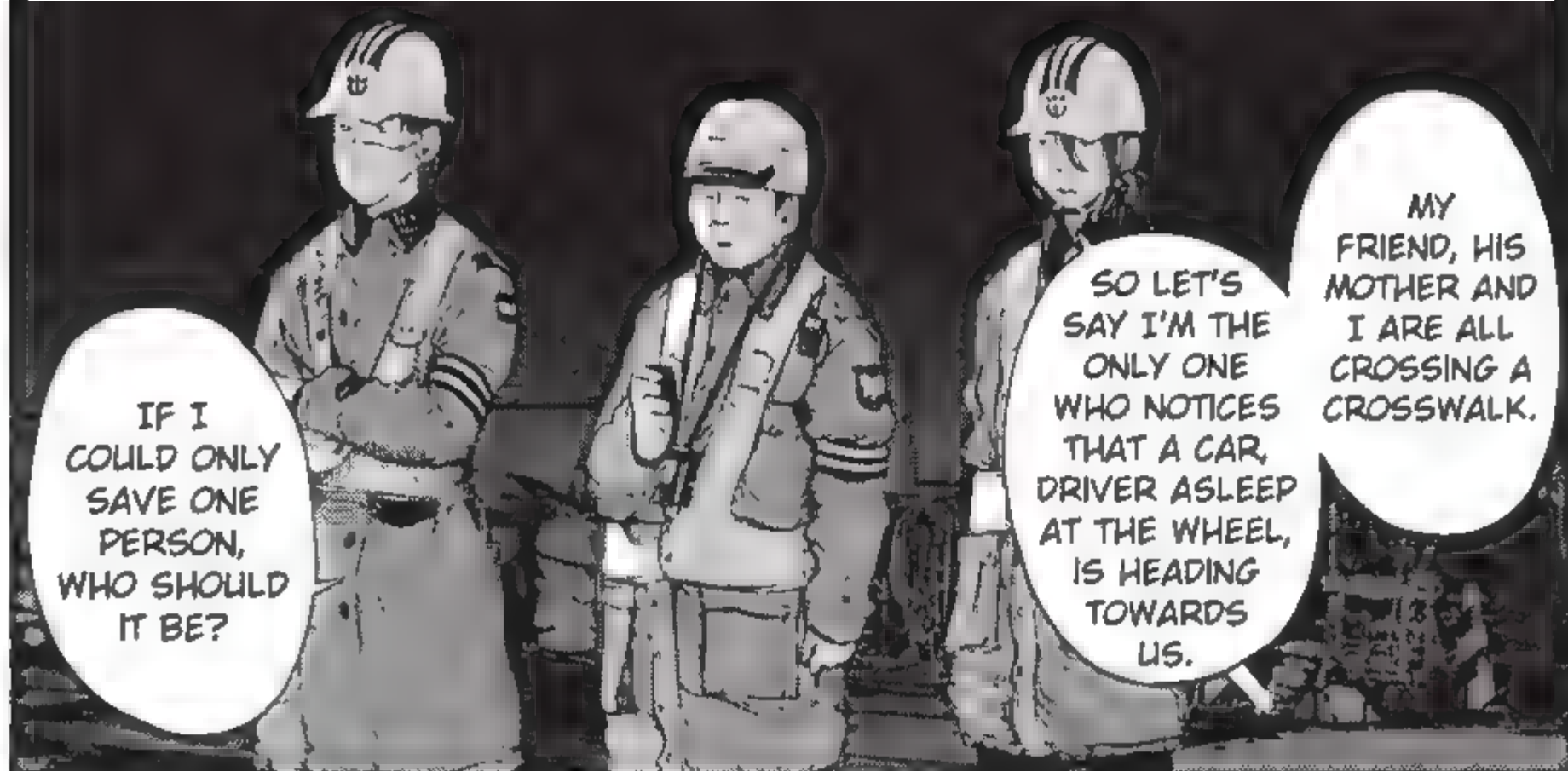
SO, A  
NECES-  
SARY  
EVIL

THE  
NUCLEAR  
POWER AND  
WARS THAT  
SUPPORT  
OUR WAY  
OF LIFE.



OKAY,  
HERE'S A  
GLISTON





IF I  
COULD ONLY  
SAVE ONE  
PERSON,  
WHO SHOULD  
IT BE?

SO LET'S  
SAY I'M THE  
ONLY ONE  
WHO NOTICES  
THAT A CAR,  
DRIVER ASLEEP  
AT THE WHEEL,  
IS HEADING  
TOWARDS  
US.

MY  
FRIEND, HIS  
MOTHER AND  
I ARE ALL  
CROSSING A  
CROSSWALK.



REALLY?

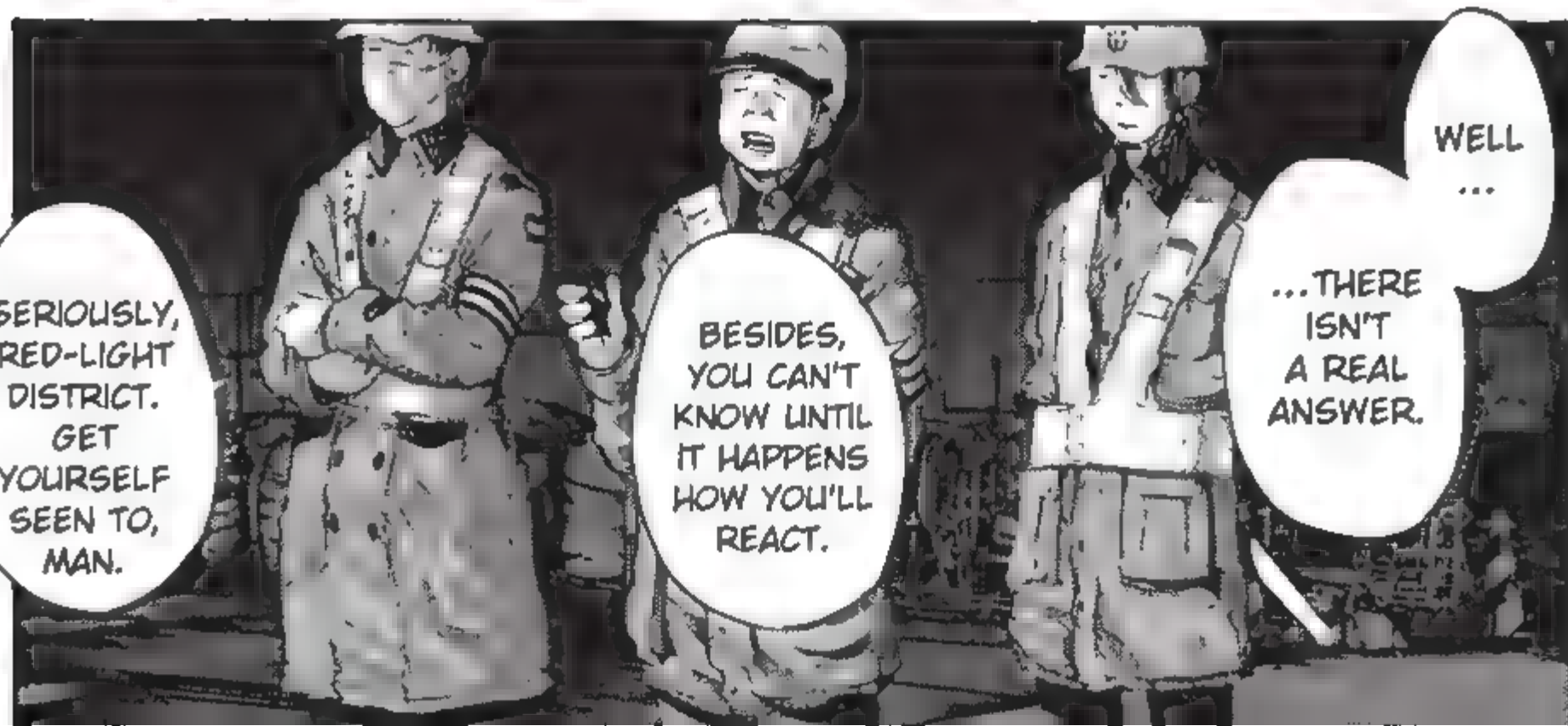
I'D SAY  
YOUR  
FRIEND.

WELL...



I THINK  
THAT  
WOULD  
STAY WITH  
YOU FOR  
THE REST  
OF YOUR  
LIFE.

I GOT  
IT—JUST  
RUN  
AWAY.



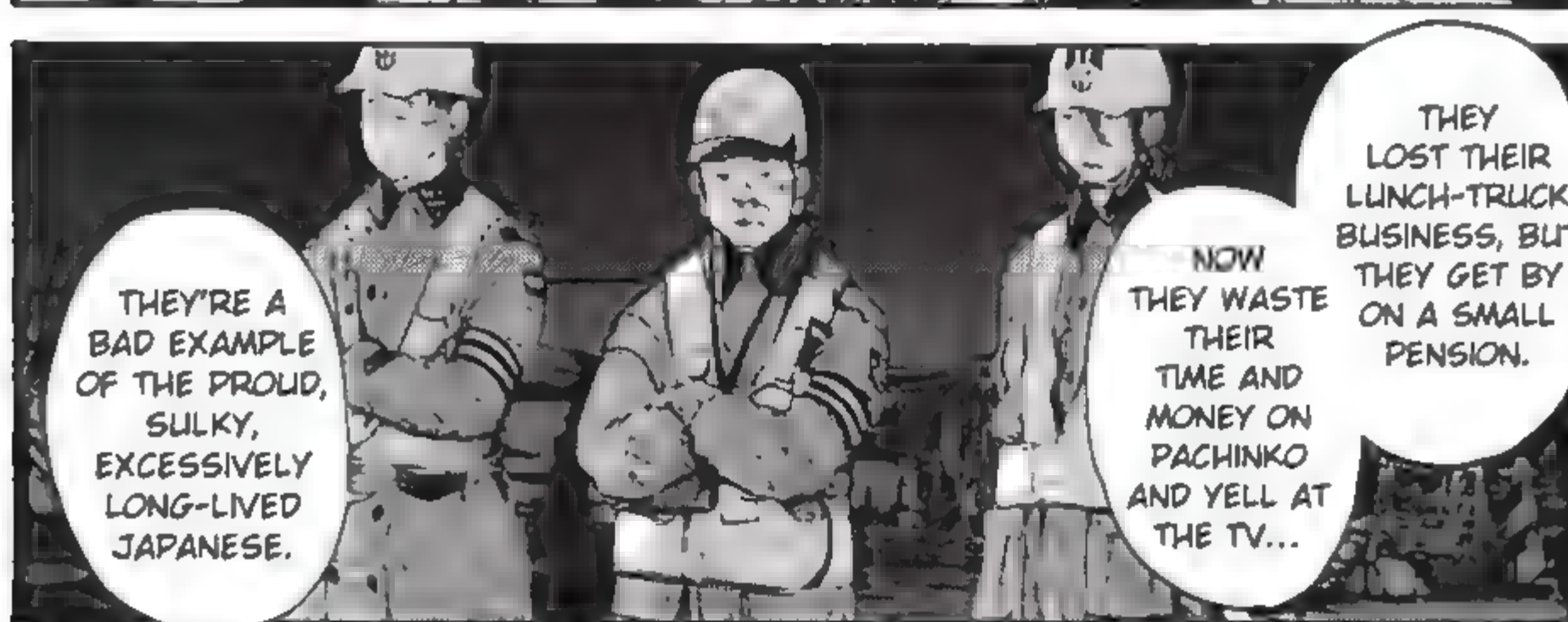
SERIOUSLY,  
RED-LIGHT  
DISTRICT.  
GET  
YOURSELF  
SEEN TO,  
MAN.

BESIDES,  
YOU CAN'T  
KNOW UNTIL  
IT HAPPENS  
HOW YOU'LL  
REACT.

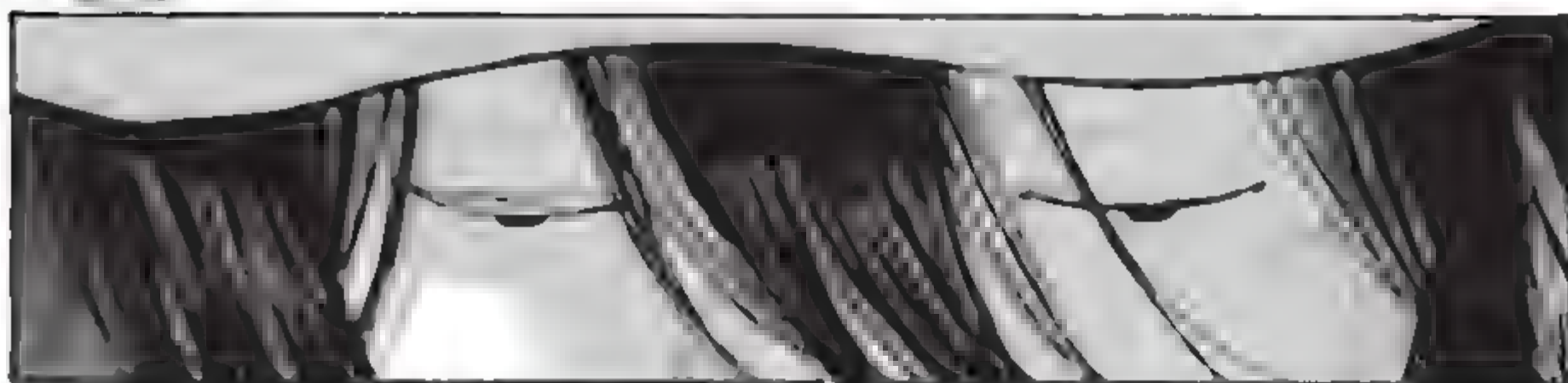
...THERE  
ISN'T  
A REAL  
ANSWER.

WELL  
...

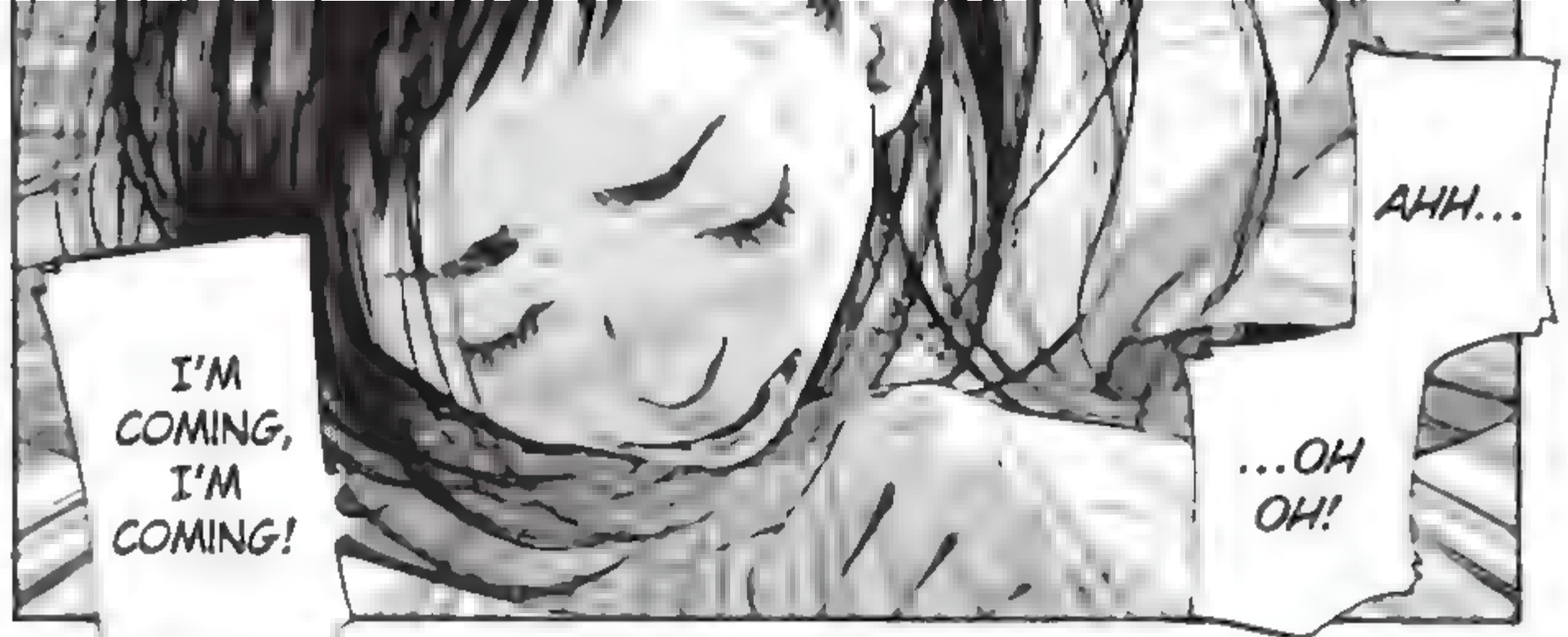












I'M  
COMING,  
I'M  
COMING!

AHH...

...OH  
OH!



DO YOU  
WORK  
TOMOR-  
ROW?

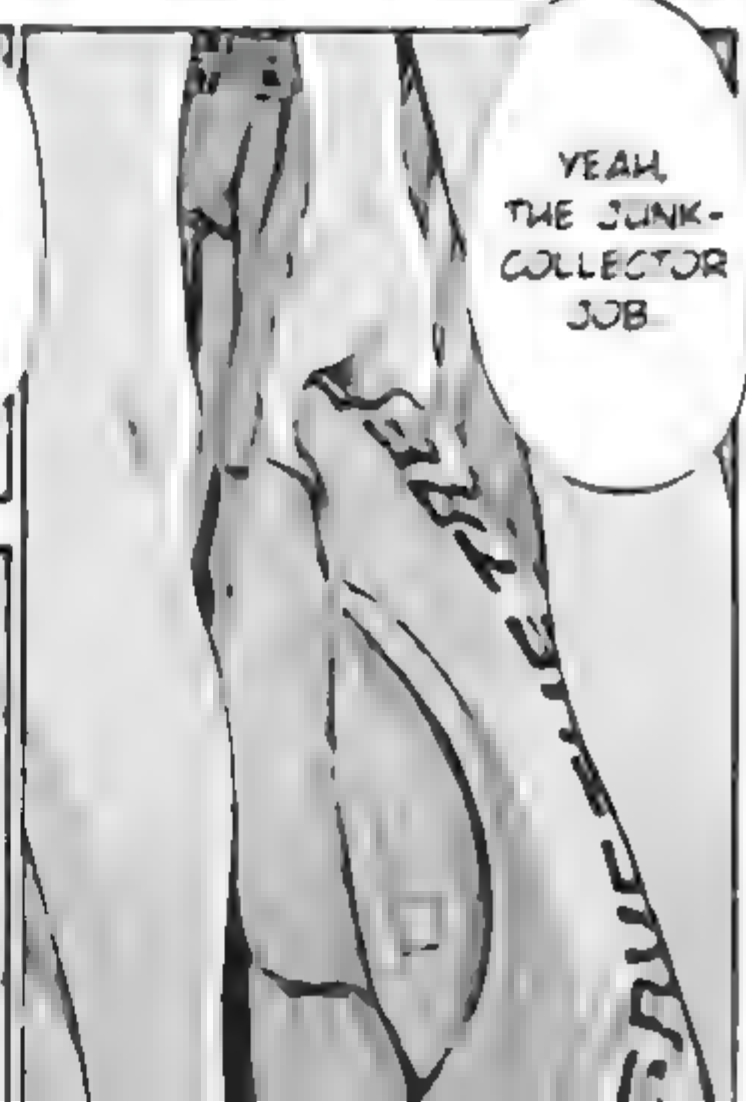


...BUT YOU  
DON'T EVEN  
SPEND ALL  
THE MONEY  
YOU MAKE.

YOU  
WORK SO  
HARD ..



IF I KEEP  
MOVING, I  
DON'T HAVE  
TO THINK.



YEAH,  
THE JUNK-  
COLLECTOR  
JOB





I HAVE  
THE WHOLE  
DAY OFF  
TOMORROW.



I MIGHT  
QUIT THE  
CONSTRUC-  
TION JOB  
THOUGH.



I CAN'T  
TAKE  
IT OFF-  
SHIMIZU  
SAYS HE'S  
COMING  
TOO.



IT'S A  
LITTLE SCARY  
WHEN THE  
HEAVY  
MACHINERY  
AND TRUCKS  
GO BY.



HEY,  
DIDN'T  
I JUST  
MAKE YOU  
COME?

SHIMIZU,  
SHIMIZU!  
YOU'RE  
ALWAYS  
HANGING  
OUT WITH  
HIM!

ARE  
YOU  
GAY?



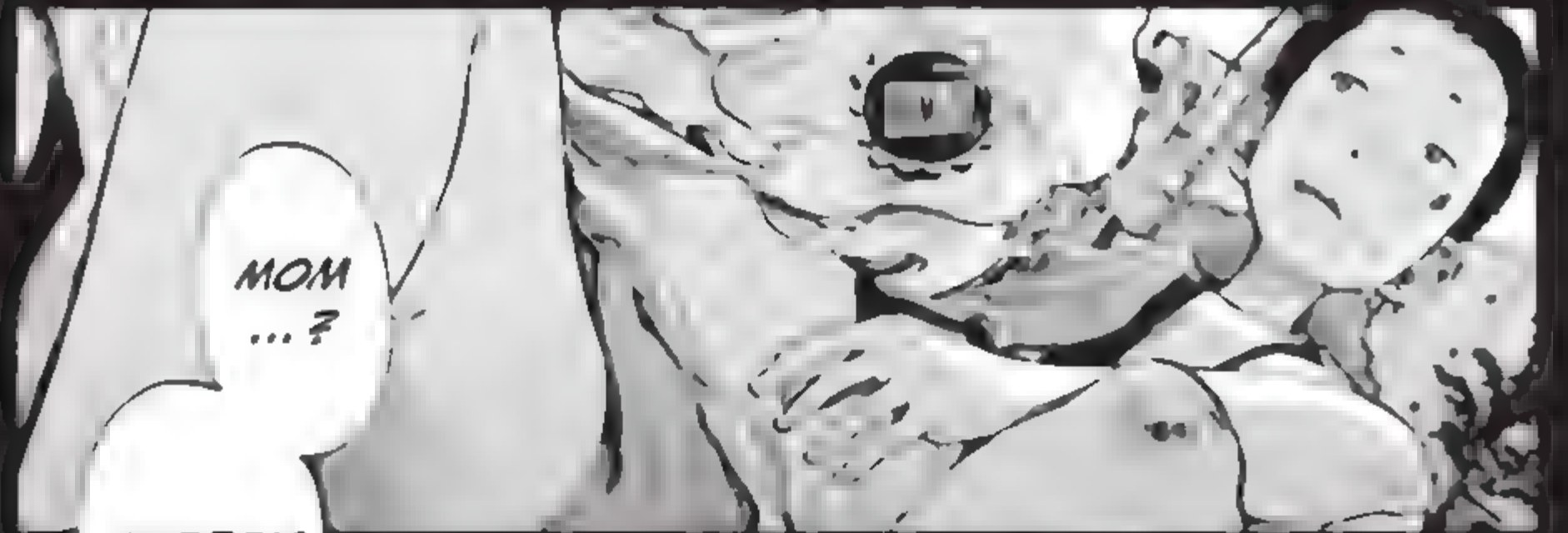
I'M  
SERIOUS.

BECAUSE  
YOU DON'T  
SMOKE.

I WAS  
WONDER-  
ING...

WHY ARE  
YOU GOING  
OUT WITH  
ME?



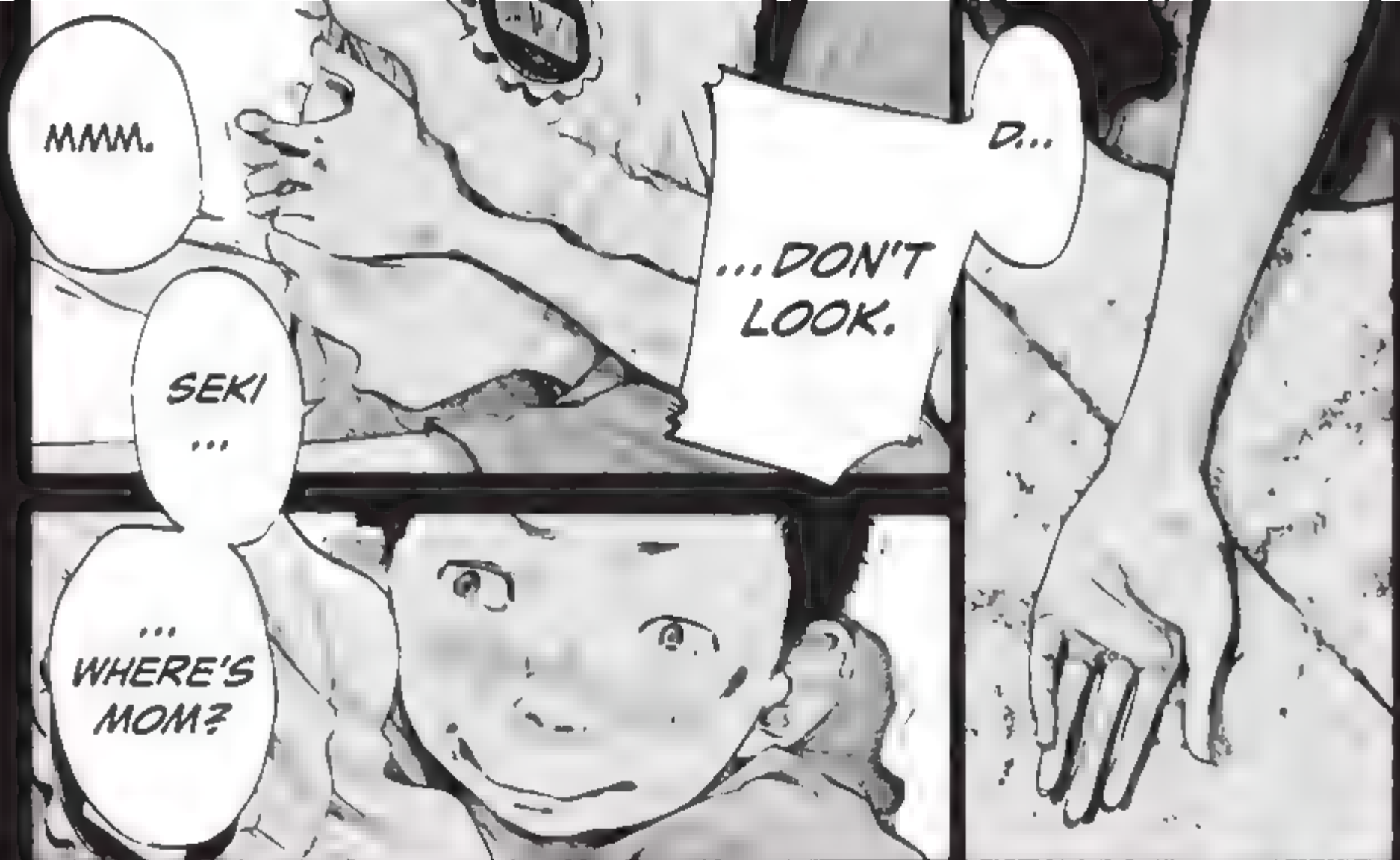


MOM  
... ?



WHERE'S  
MOM?





MMM.

D...

...DON'T  
LOOK.

SEKI

...

...  
WHERE'S  
MOM?



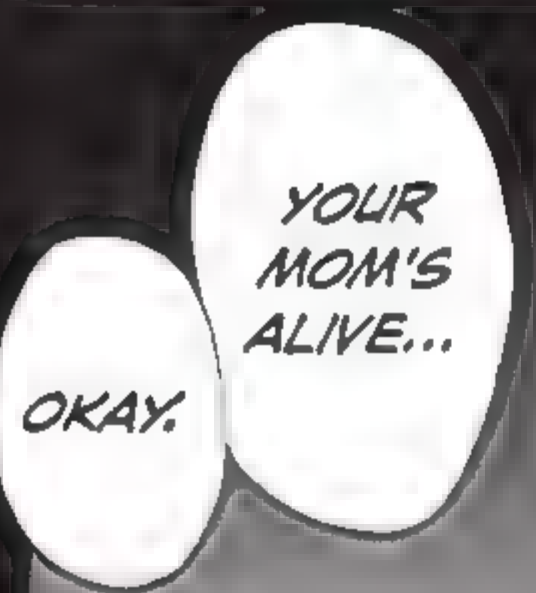
DON'T  
YOU  
BELIEVE  
ME?

SEE...

...SHE'S  
RIGHT  
THERE.

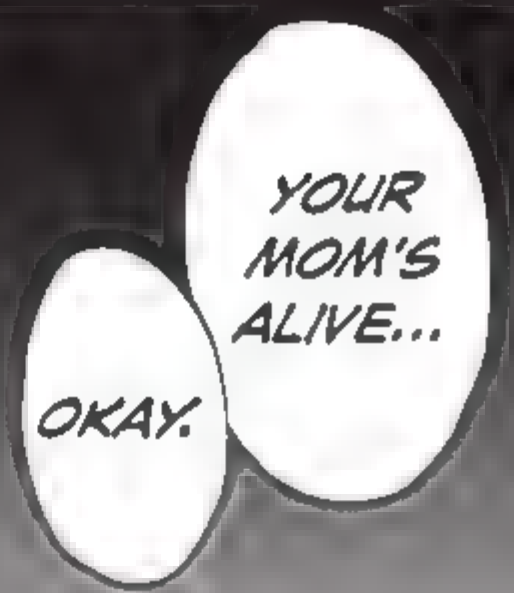
I  
BELIEVE  
YOU.

REALLY?



OKAY.

YOUR  
MOM'S  
ALIVE...



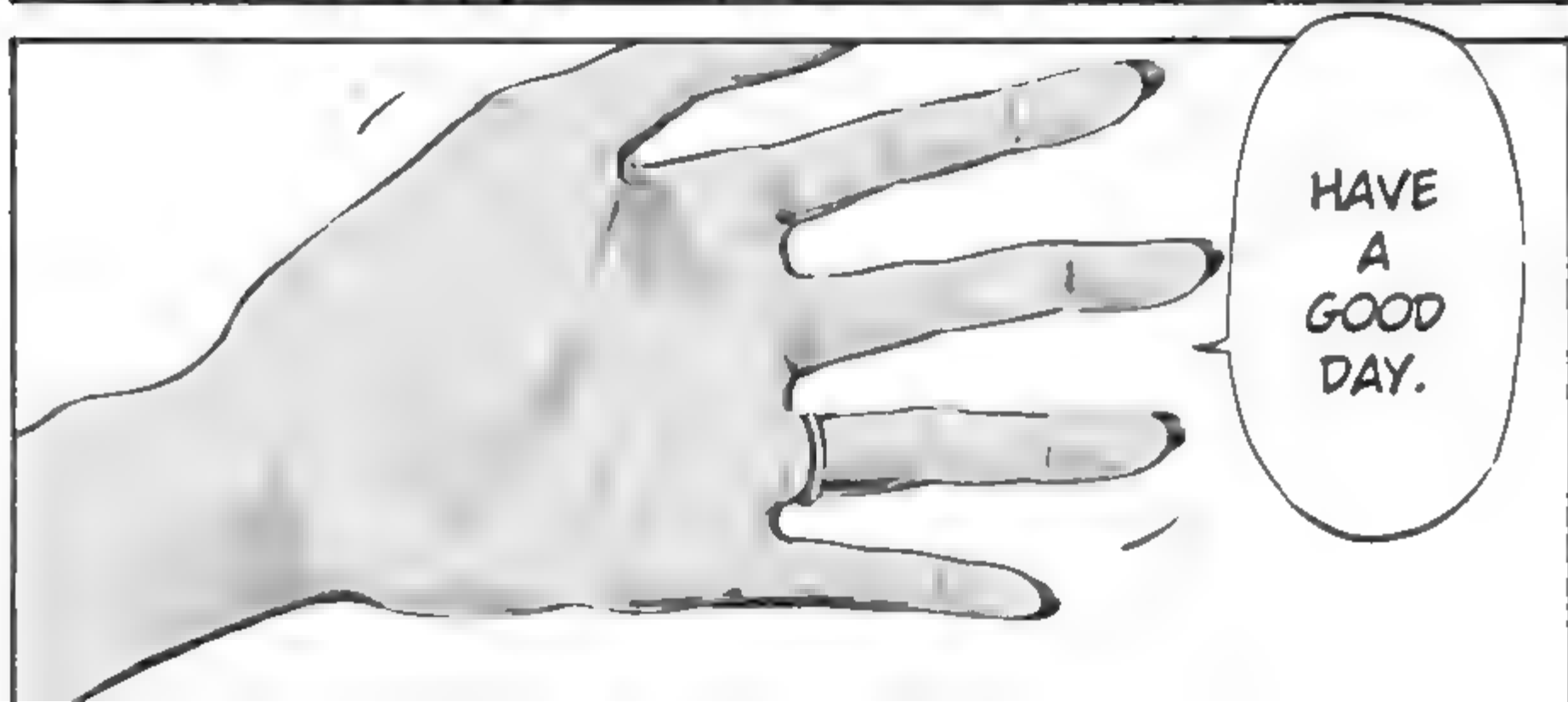
OKAY.

YOUR  
MOM'S  
ALIVE...

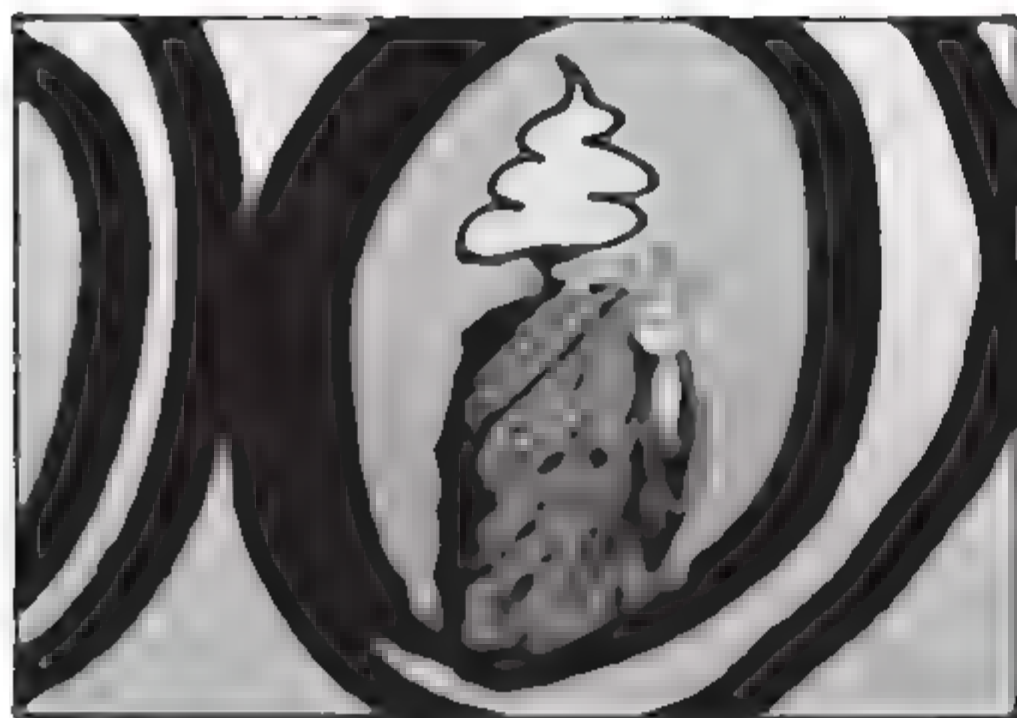
















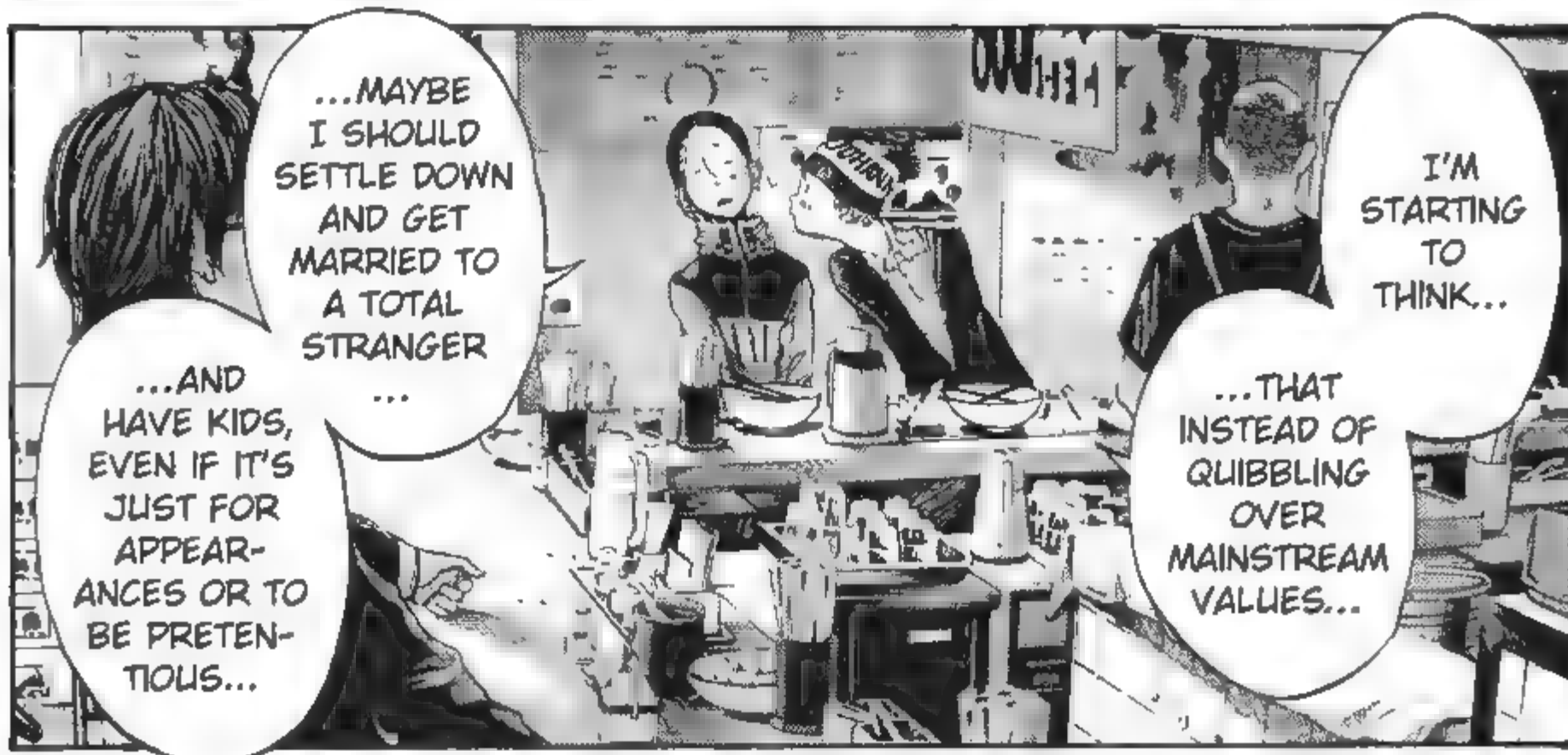




WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU NEED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW.

NO...

YOU KNOW.



...MAYBE I SHOULD SETTLE DOWN AND GET MARRIED TO A TOTAL STRANGER ...

...AND HAVE KIDS, EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR APPEARANCES OR TO BE PRETENTIOUS...

I'M STARTING TO THINK...

...THAT INSTEAD OF QUIBBLING OVER MAINSTREAM VALUES...



HMM ...

RIGHT?



I'LL HELP YOU. IT'S SUPER EASY TO GET A GIRL.

THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO HANG OUT WITH ME SO MUCH.



AREN'T COLLEGES FULL OF HORNY GIRLS FROM OUT OF TOWN?

NOW THAT YOU'VE STOPPED GOING ON ABOUT GOD, YOU PROBABLY DON'T STICK OUT SO MUCH AT SCHOOL.





IT SEEMS  
LIKE A LOT  
OF WORK,  
SO NO  
THANKS.

YEAH  
...

...BUT...



BESIDES,  
I DON'T  
WANT TO  
LEAVE  
MY MOM  
ALONE.



...WHAT  
DID YOU  
JUST  
SAY?

HEY...



WHAT  
DID YOU  
JUST  
SAY?!





THERE  
WAS AN  
ACCIDENT  
WHEN WE  
WERE IN  
KINDER-  
GARTEN.

YOU  
KNOW  
YOUR  
MOM IS  
DEAD,  
RIGHT?

IT'S JUST  
YOUR DAD,  
YOUR GRANDPA  
AND YOUR  
SISTER. JUST  
THE FOUR OF  
YOU.



OR ARE  
YOU JUST  
PRETENDING  
AND THIS IS  
SOME KIND OF  
CONVOLUTED  
HARASSMENT?

WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH  
YOU?

ARE  
YOU A  
COMPLETE  
IDIOT?



YOU'RE  
HOLDING  
ME BACK.

...THAT MY  
LIFE IS SHIT  
BECAUSE  
I'M WITH  
YOU.

LATELY  
I KEEP  
THINKING  
...













GOOD  
VIBRATIONS.









WE MAGIC  
WARRIORS CAN  
REPAIR THE  
DISCORDANT  
CHORDS OF THE  
AKASHIC RECORDS  
USING THE  
OVERWHELMING  
STABILITY OF  
A REGULAR  
TETRAHEDRON.

BUT WHY  
DO YOU  
REFUSE,  
LOVERS?

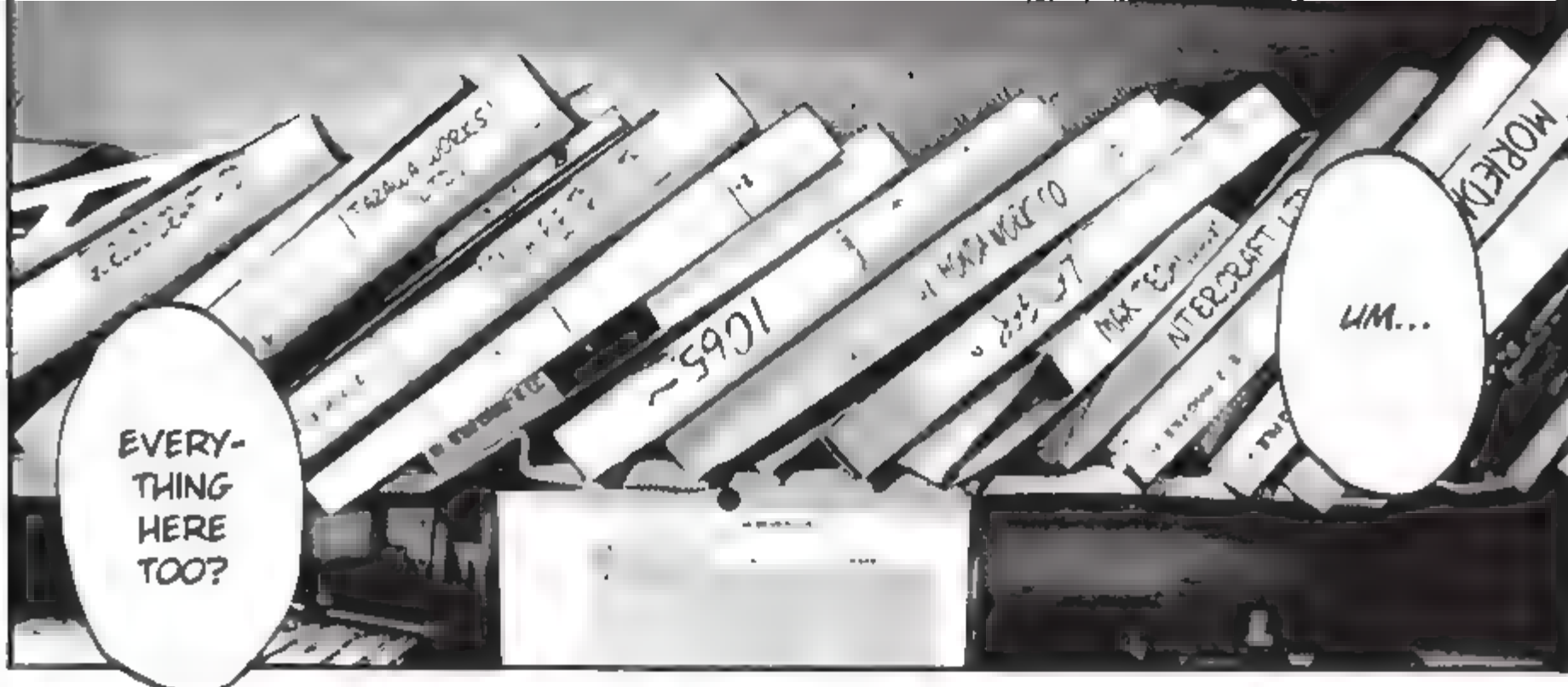
ARE YOU  
CHILDREN  
WHO CAN?  
OR...



...IS  
THERE AN  
ABSOLUTE  
BLACK  
MARK  
HIDDEN...

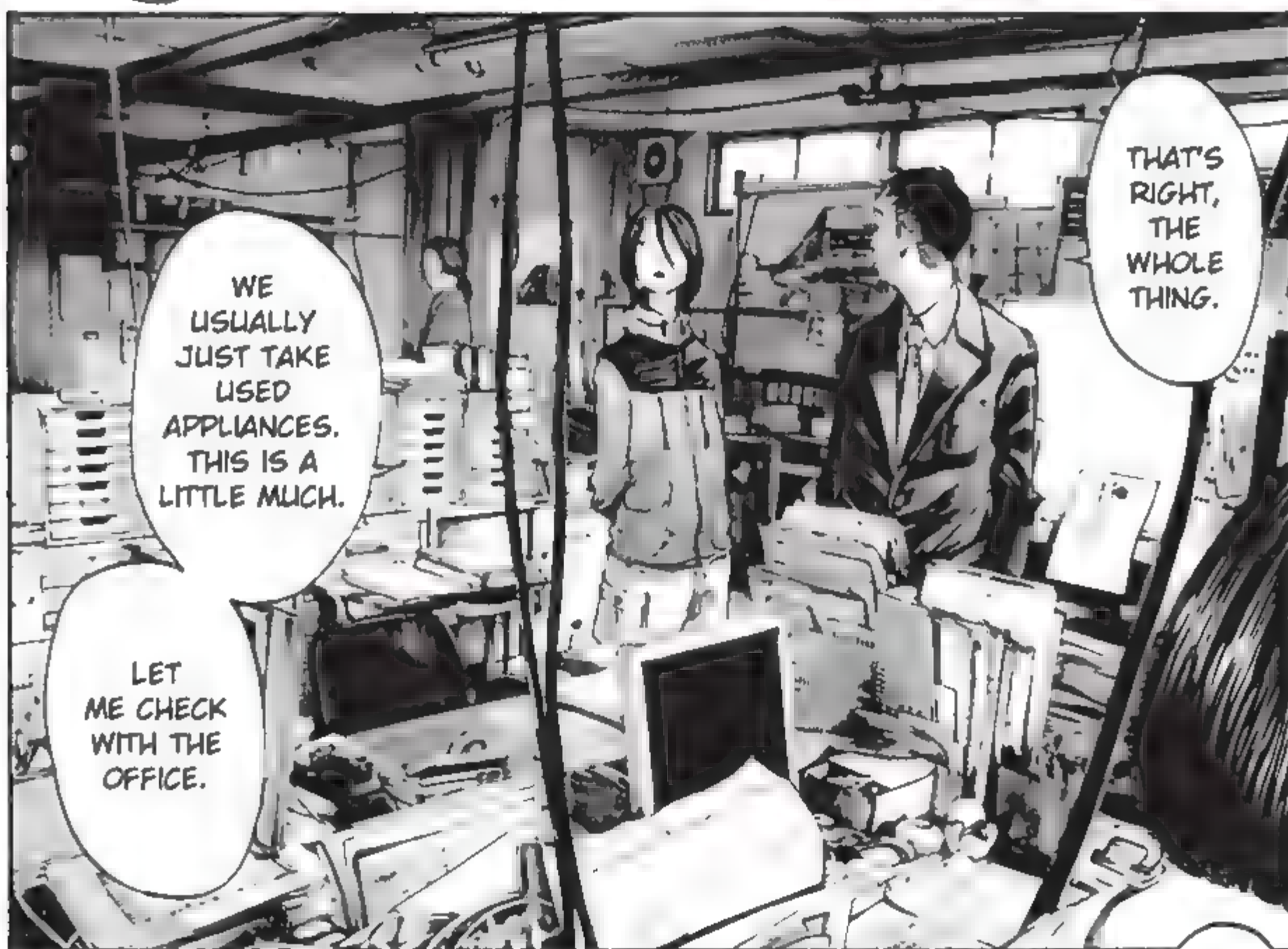
...SOME-  
WHERE  
IN THIS  
CARNIVAL...?





EVERY-  
THING  
HERE  
TOO?

UM...



WE  
USUALLY  
JUST TAKE  
USED  
APPLIANCES.  
THIS IS A  
LITTLE MUCH.

LET  
ME CHECK  
WITH THE  
OFFICE.

THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
THE  
WHOLE  
THING.



NO, I  
HAVE THE  
AUTHORITY  
HERE. YOU  
DON'T EVEN  
NEED TO BE  
HERE.

BESIDES,  
WE'VE  
TALKED IT  
ALL OVER  
WITH THE  
LAWYERS.

UM,  
MASAKI...

YOU  
CAN'T JUST  
GET RID OF  
EVERYTHING  
LIKE THIS.  
LET'S TALK  
ABOUT IT  
AGAIN.





MY DAD  
WAS LAZY  
AND DIDN'T  
INCORPORATE,  
SO WE HAD A  
LOT OF PROB-  
LEMS WITH THE  
INHERITANCE  
...

I  
INHERITED  
THIS  
BUILDING  
FROM MY  
FATHER...

...ALONG  
WITH SOME  
DOJO-ISH  
BUILDINGS IN  
NERIMA AND  
HACHIOJI.

HAVING  
SAID THAT,  
OF COURSE  
I'M GOING  
TO SHUT  
THIS SHADY  
COMPANY  
DOWN.

COSMO HEALTH CENTER



YEAH, MY  
BUSINESS  
IS NOTHING  
LIKE MY  
DAD'S.

ORIGINALLY,  
IT WAS JUST  
A CHIRO-  
PRACTIC  
AND QIGONG  
PRACTICE.

I  
STARTED  
IT WHILE  
I WAS IN  
COLLEGE. I  
RUN CELL  
PHONE  
SITES.

I'M SURE  
SOMEONE  
CALLED HIM  
"DOCTOR"  
ONCE, AND  
HE STARTED  
TO GET  
IDEAS.





YES,  
YES...

B-BUT  
THIS WATER  
IS REALLY  
GOOD.



IF YOU ASK  
ME, I THINK  
IT'S PRETTY  
TASTELESS  
TO RUN A  
BUSINESS THAT  
CLAIMS TO HAVE  
SUPERNATURAL  
POWERS.

OH,  
EXCUSE  
ME.  
THAT'S MY  
PHONE.



I'M IN THE  
BUSINESS  
OF SELLING  
SUBSTANCE-  
FREE THINGS  
TOO.



TOSHIKI  
...

OH...

OH,  
HELLO.



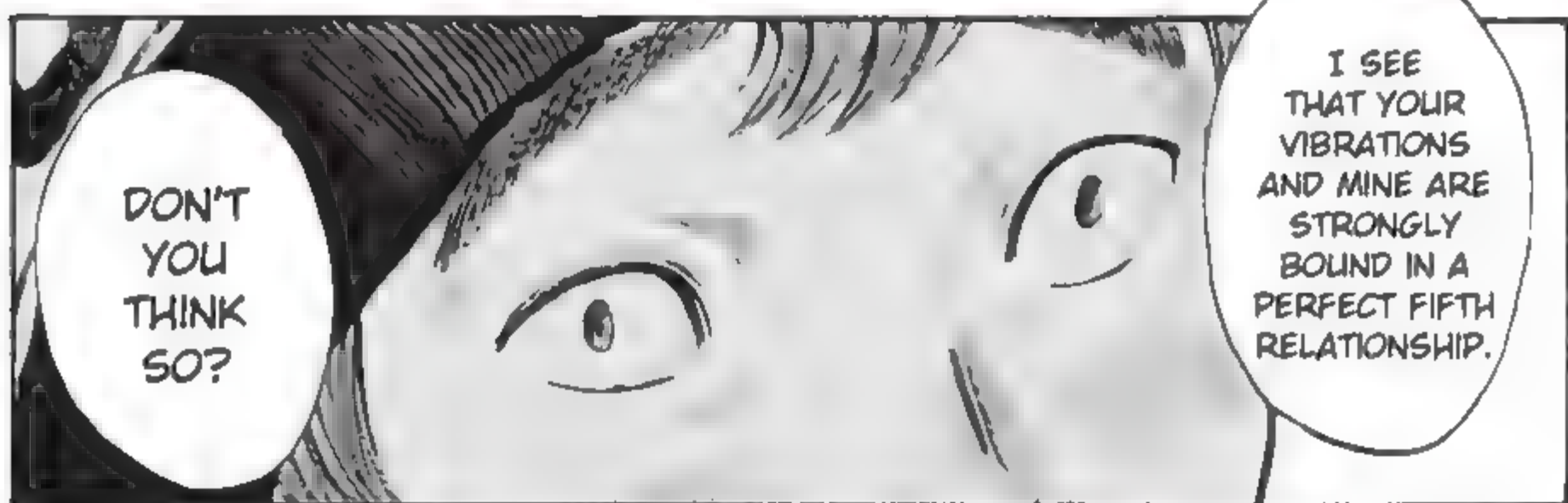
JUST  
FIT!





GOOD VIBES  
HAVE UNITED  
SMARTLY  
WITH YOUR  
SYNCOPIATION.

IT  
MEANS THIS  
REUNION WAS  
UNDOUBTEDLY  
WRITTEN IN  
THE AKASHIC  
RECORDS.



DON'T  
YOU  
THINK  
SO?

I SEE  
THAT YOUR  
VIBRATIONS  
AND MINE ARE  
STRONGLY  
BOUND IN A  
PERFECT FIFTH  
RELATIONSHIP.

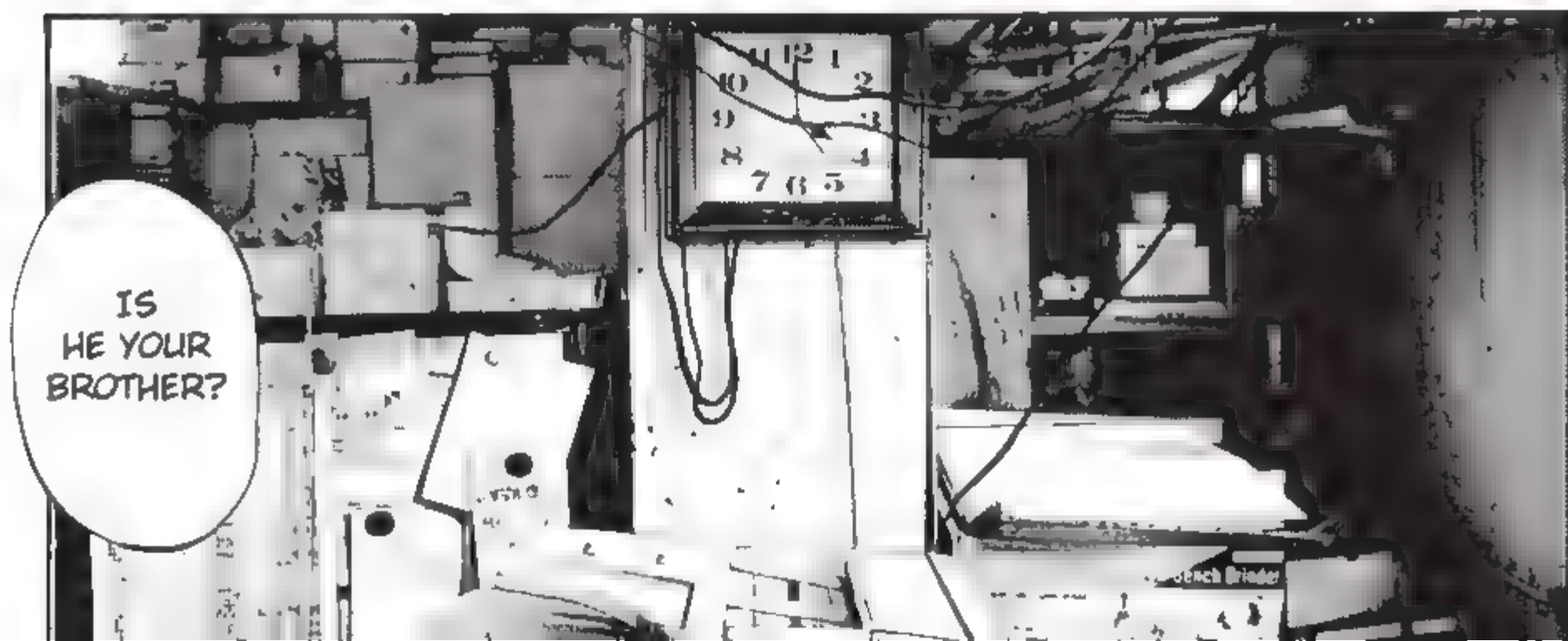


HEY,  
SNOT  
FACE!

CAN  
YOU STILL  
LOVE THIS  
WORLD?

LET  
ME ASK  
YOU...











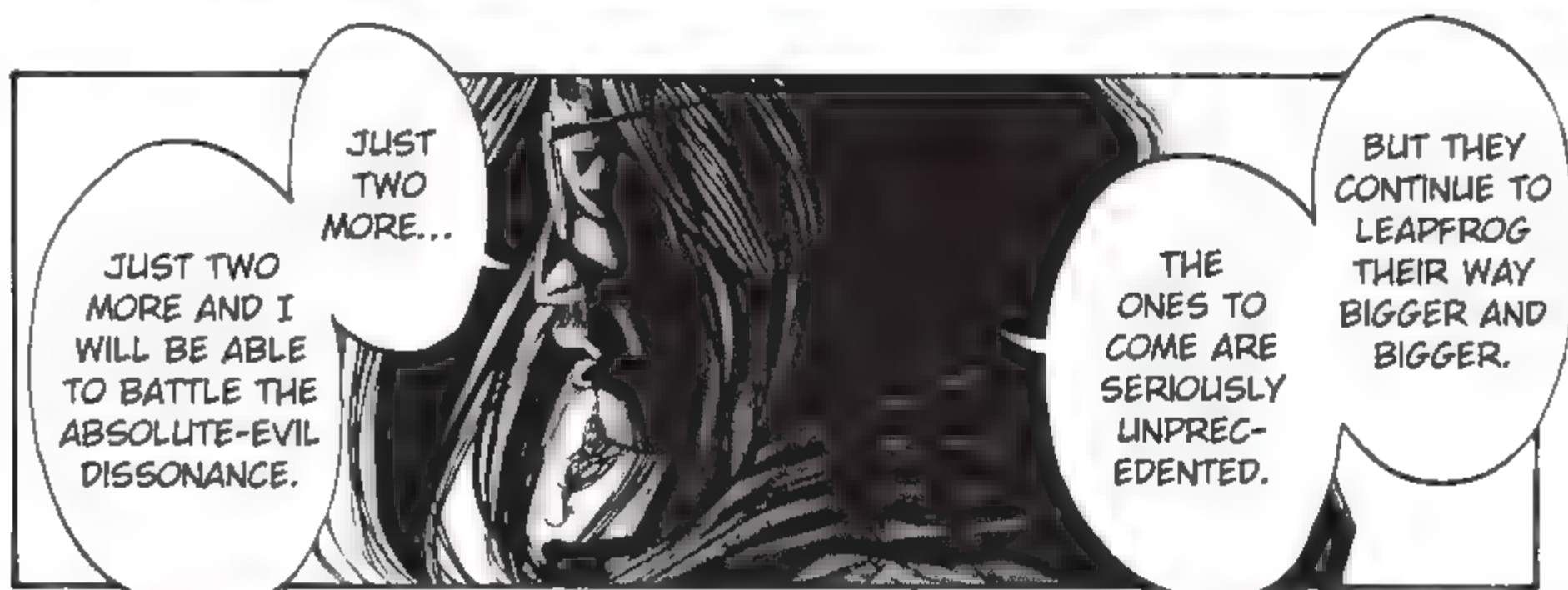






"ONCE AGAIN,  
UNBEKNOWNST  
TO THE MASSES,  
COUNTLESS  
LIVES WERE  
SAVED FROM  
UNPRECEDENTED  
DISASTERS."

"I WAS  
ABLE TO  
STABILIZE THE  
VIBRATIONAL  
DISTURBANCE."

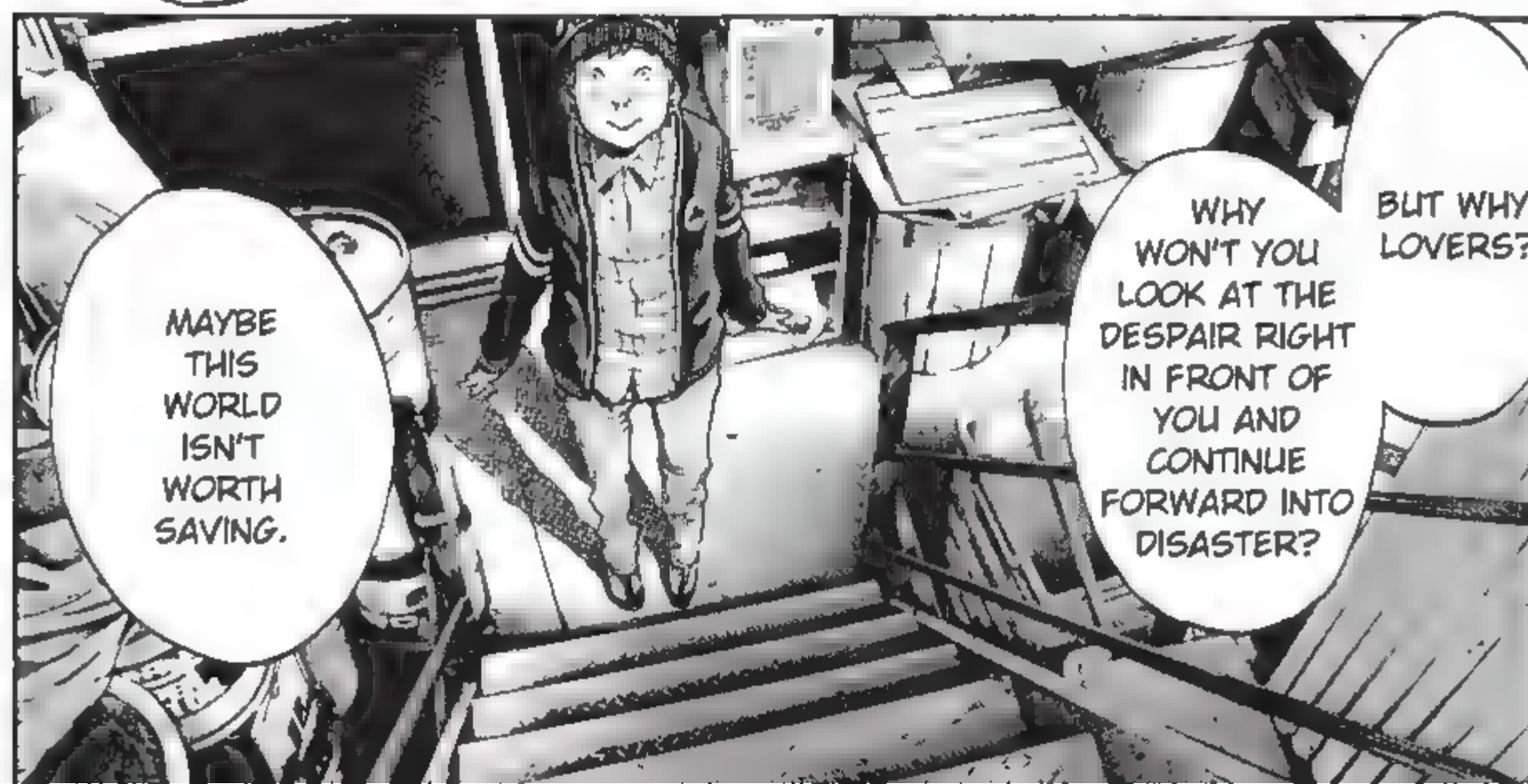


JUST TWO  
MORE AND I  
WILL BE ABLE  
TO BATTLE THE  
ABSOLUTE-EVIL  
DISSONANCE.

JUST  
TWO  
MORE...

THE  
ONES TO  
COME ARE  
SERIOUSLY  
UNPREC-  
EDENTED.

BUT THEY  
CONTINUE TO  
LEAPFROG  
THEIR WAY  
BIGGER AND  
BIGGER.



MAYBE  
THIS  
WORLD  
ISN'T  
WORTH  
SAVING.

WHY  
WON'T YOU  
LOOK AT THE  
DESPAIR RIGHT  
IN FRONT OF  
YOU AND  
CONTINUE  
FORWARD INTO  
DISASTER?

BUT WHY,  
LOVERS?





THERE  
IS A  
BLACK  
MARK  
LURKING.

A  
BLACK  
MARK.

YOU  
ARE ALL  
CHILDREN  
WHO CAN.

I'M  
VERY  
SAD.



...IS  
THROWING  
OFF ALL THE  
LOVERS.

AN  
ABSOLUTE  
BLACK MARK,  
LURKING  
SOMEWHERE...



DON'T  
YOU  
WANT  
TO  
SEE...

...A NEW  
WORLD  
OVERFLOWING  
WITH LAUGHTER  
AND  
HAPPINESS?

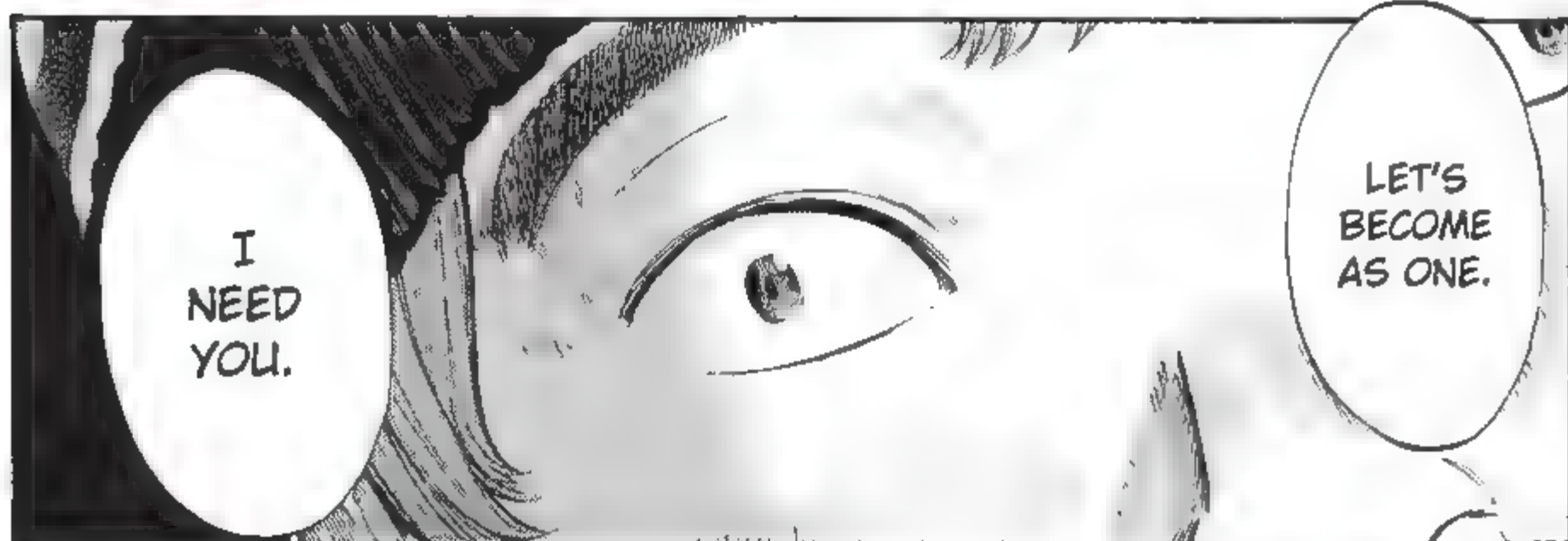
...BECAUSE  
I HAVE  
ABSOLUTE  
LOVE FOR  
YOU ALL.

BUT  
I STILL  
WANT TO  
SAVE THIS  
WORLD...



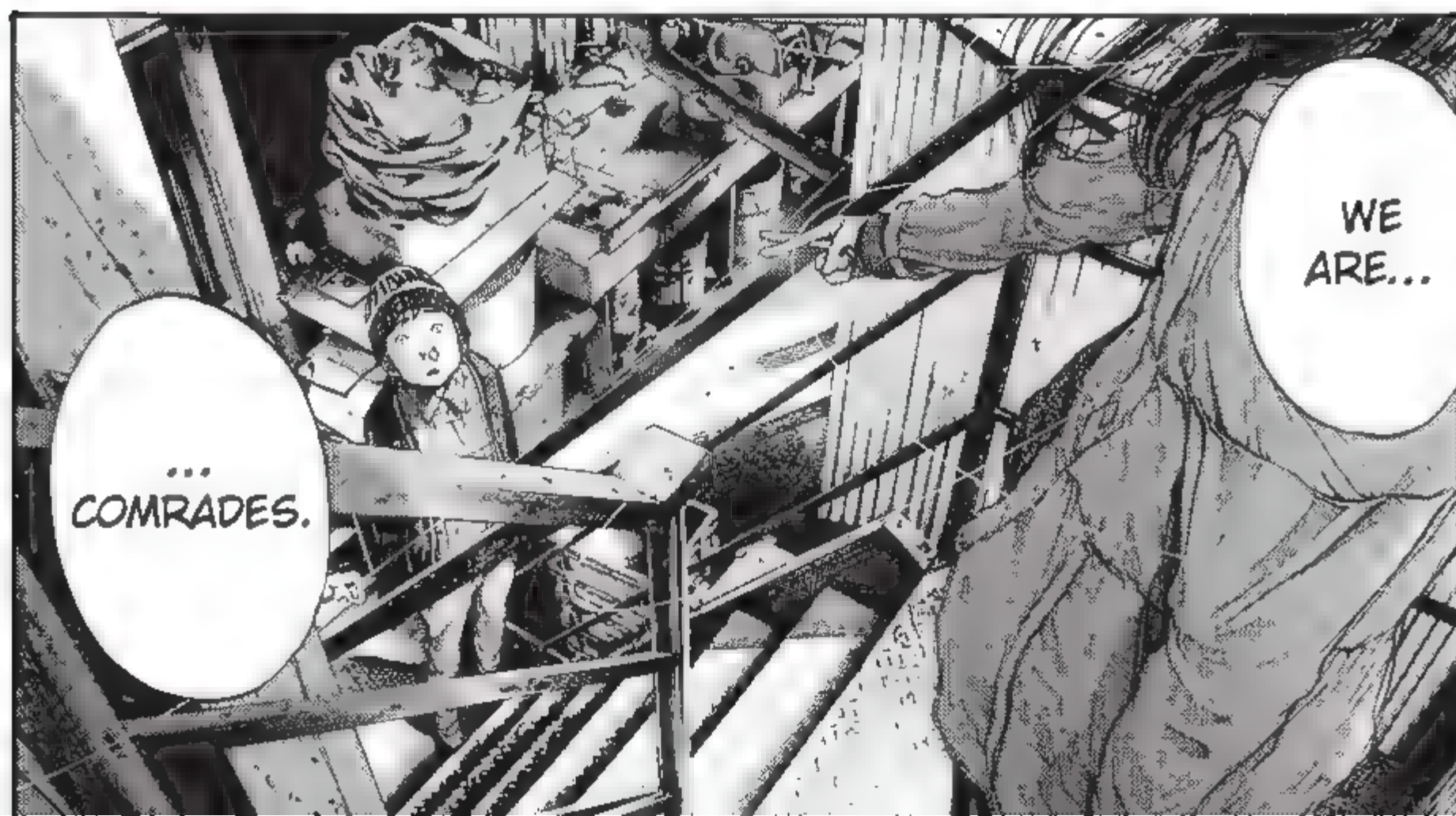


THE WORLD  
CAN BECOME  
MORE  
BEAUTIFUL.



I  
NEED  
YOU.

LET'S  
BECOME  
AS ONE.



...  
COMRADES.

WE  
ARE...









SHUT UP.  
DON'T EXAGGERATE.

WHAT  
ARE WE  
SUPPOSED  
TO LIVE  
FOR NOW?

MURDERER!  
YOU'RE A  
MURDERER!



BESIDES,  
YOU'RE ALL  
FINE, EVEN  
THOUGH  
MY DAD IS  
DEAD.

PEOPLE  
DON'T  
DIE THAT  
EASILY.



WELL...

...THERE  
ARE SOME  
THINGS YOU  
CAN'T BUY.



I  
DON'T  
LIKE TO  
THINK  
THAT  
WAY.

LIKE  
MEMO-  
RIES?  
PEOPLE'S  
FEEL-  
INGS?



SEI!  
SEI!

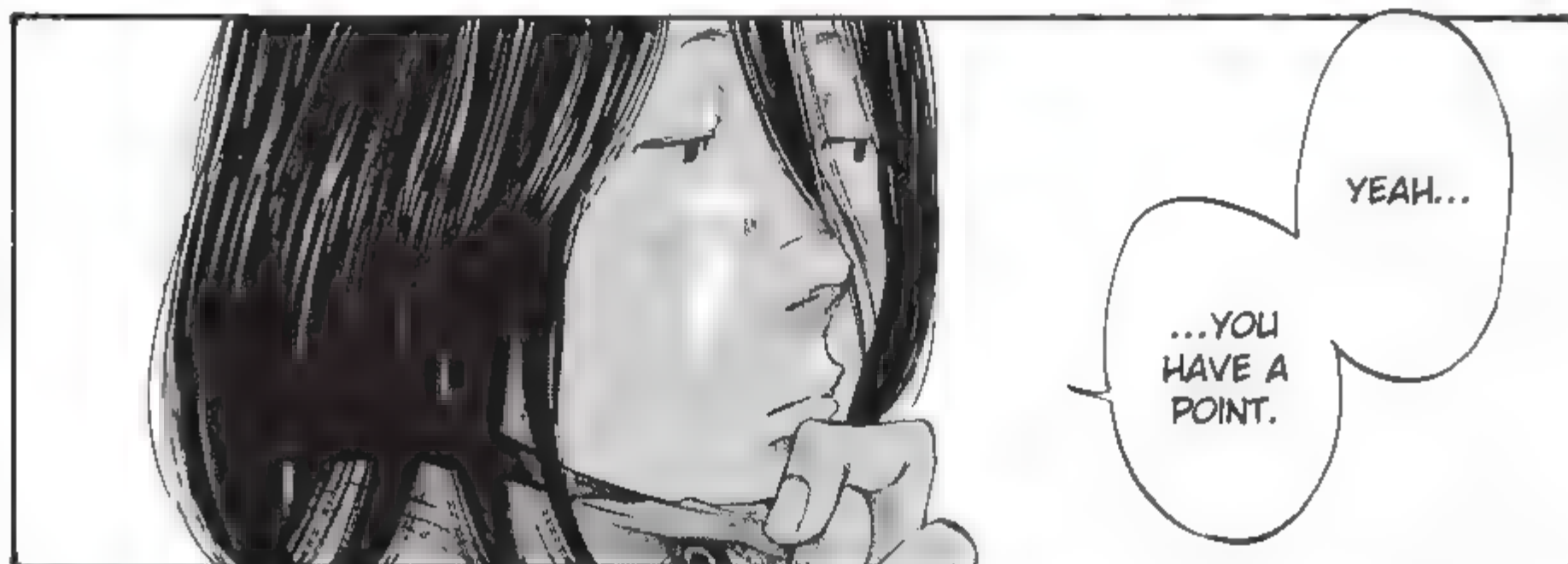
WHAT IS  
THAT? IT'S  
CREEPY. IF  
YOU DON'T  
LIKE IT, YOU  
CAN BUY THE  
LAND FROM  
ME.





...ALSO  
CAN'T BE  
SOLD WHEN  
THEY'RE  
NO LONGER  
NEEDED.

BESIDES,  
THINGS  
YOU CAN'T  
BUY...



YEAH...

...YOU  
HAVE A  
POINT.



SHIMIZU  
...

...LET'S  
GO.





HEY.



I  
CAN GET  
MYSELF  
HOME.

WHY  
DON'T  
YOU GO  
ON YOUR  
OWN?

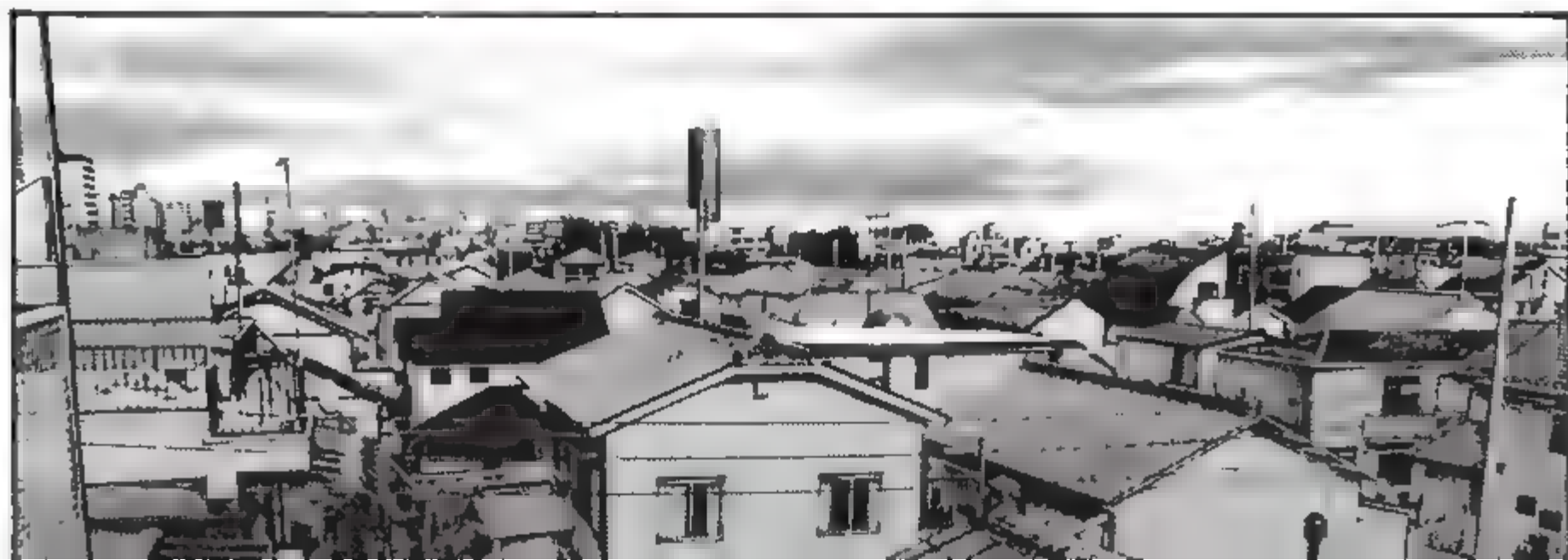


I'M  
IN YOUR  
WAY, RIGHT,  
SEKI?



WHY? I  
HAVE THE  
CAR—I'LL  
DROP YOU  
OFF.













THIS IS  
MY MAIN  
JOB.

THE  
OTHER  
ONES ARE  
JUST TO  
KILL TIME

YOU  
REALLY  
ARE A  
JACK-  
OF-ALL-  
TRADES

YOU  
DO ALL  
KINDS OF  
THINGS.

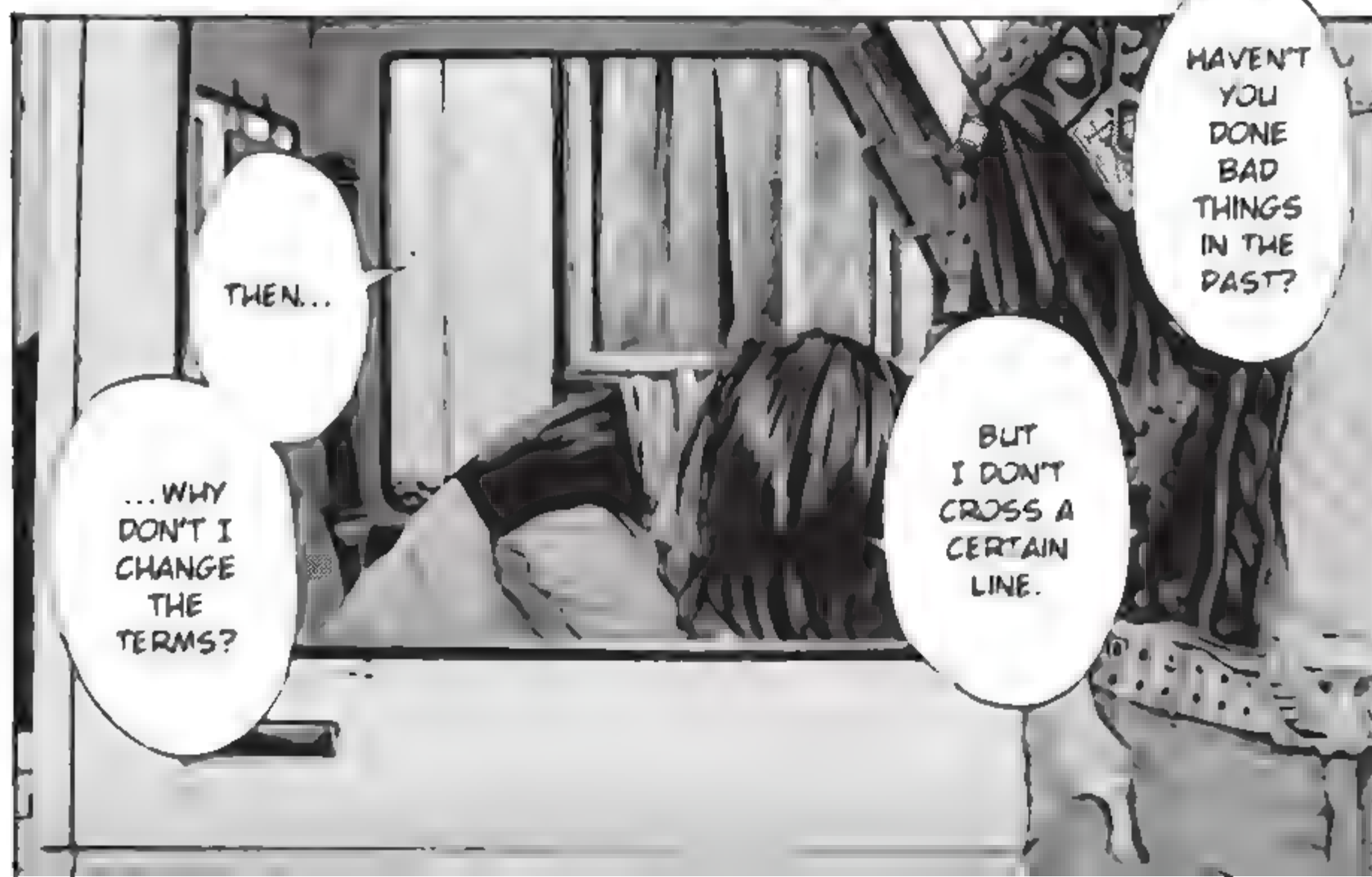


I'M  
GOING  
TO SAY  
NO...

NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
MONEY YOU  
OFFER, I CAN'T  
GET INVOLVED  
IN A SKETCHY  
BUSINESS  
LIKE  
THAT...

HAVE  
YOU  
THOUGHT  
ABOUT...

...WHAT  
WE  
SPOKE  
ABOUT  
LAST  
TIME?



THEN...

...WHY  
DON'T I  
CHANGE  
THE  
TERMS?

BUT  
I DON'T  
CROSS A  
CERTAIN  
LINE.

HAVEN'T  
YOU  
DONE  
BAD  
THINGS  
IN THE  
PAST?



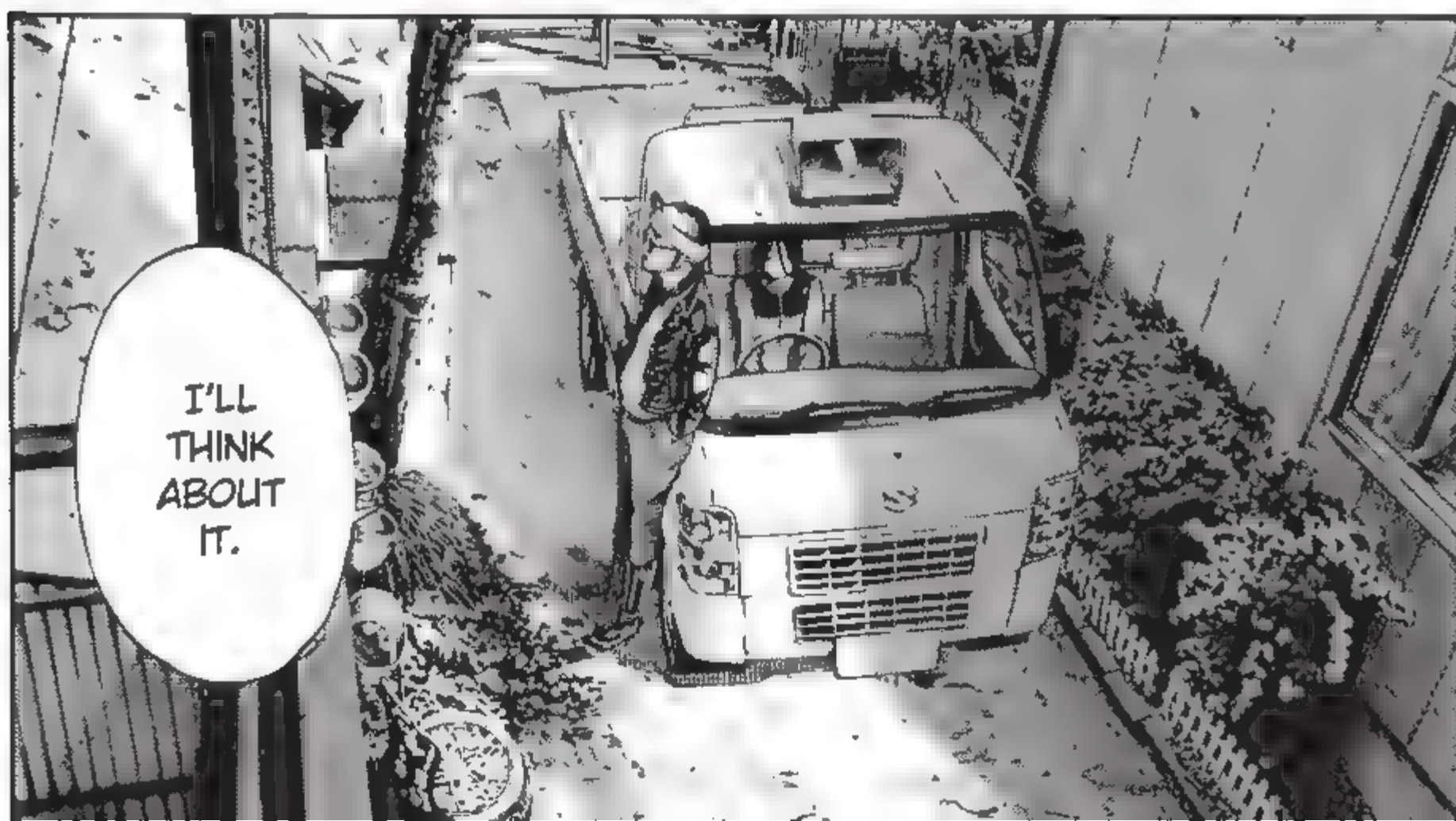


IT'S  
A SIMPLE  
JOB. ALL IT  
INVOLVES IS  
PUSHING A  
BUTTON.



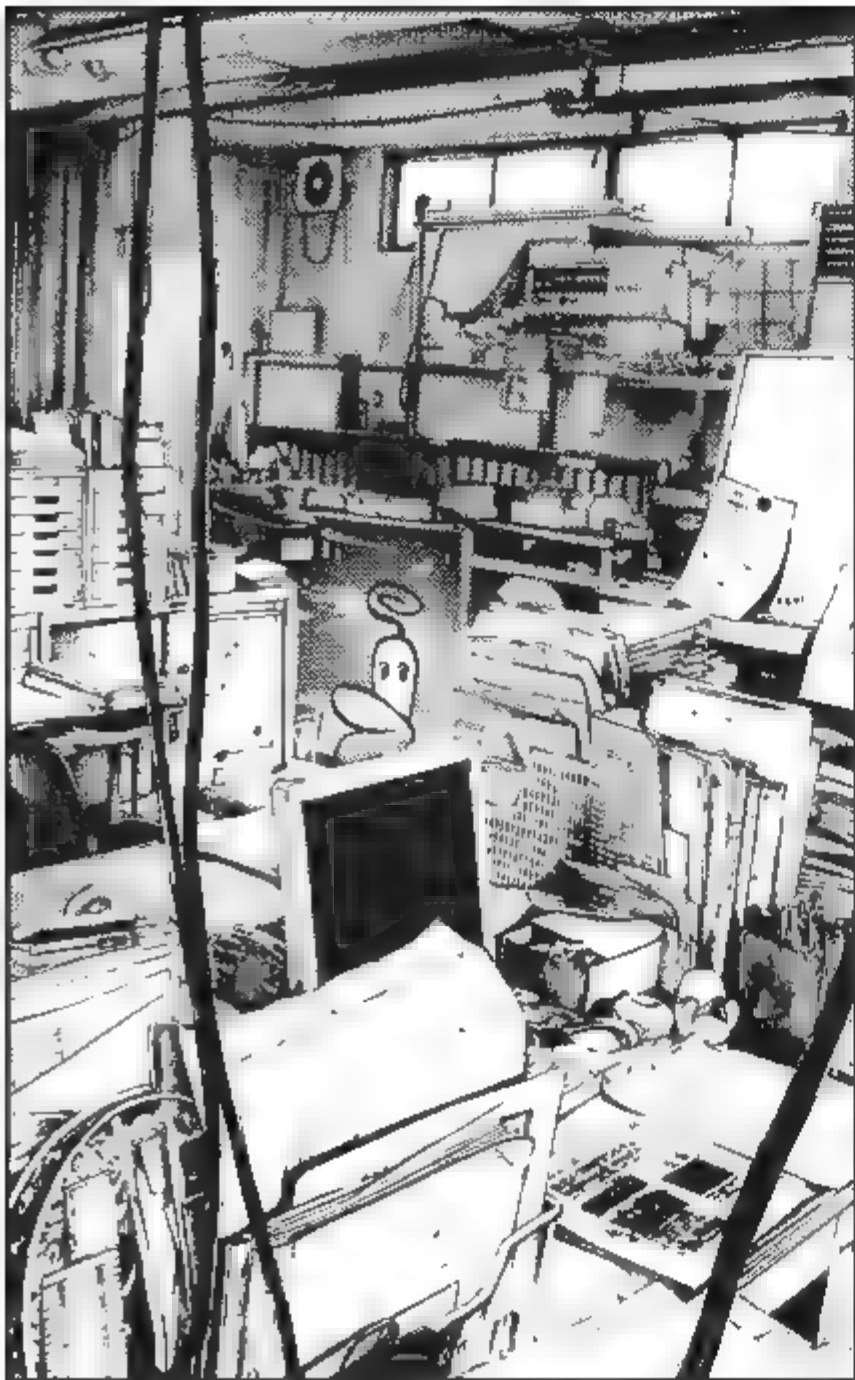
...MONEY  
WILL  
NEVER  
BETRAY  
YOU.

UNLIKE  
PEOPLE...

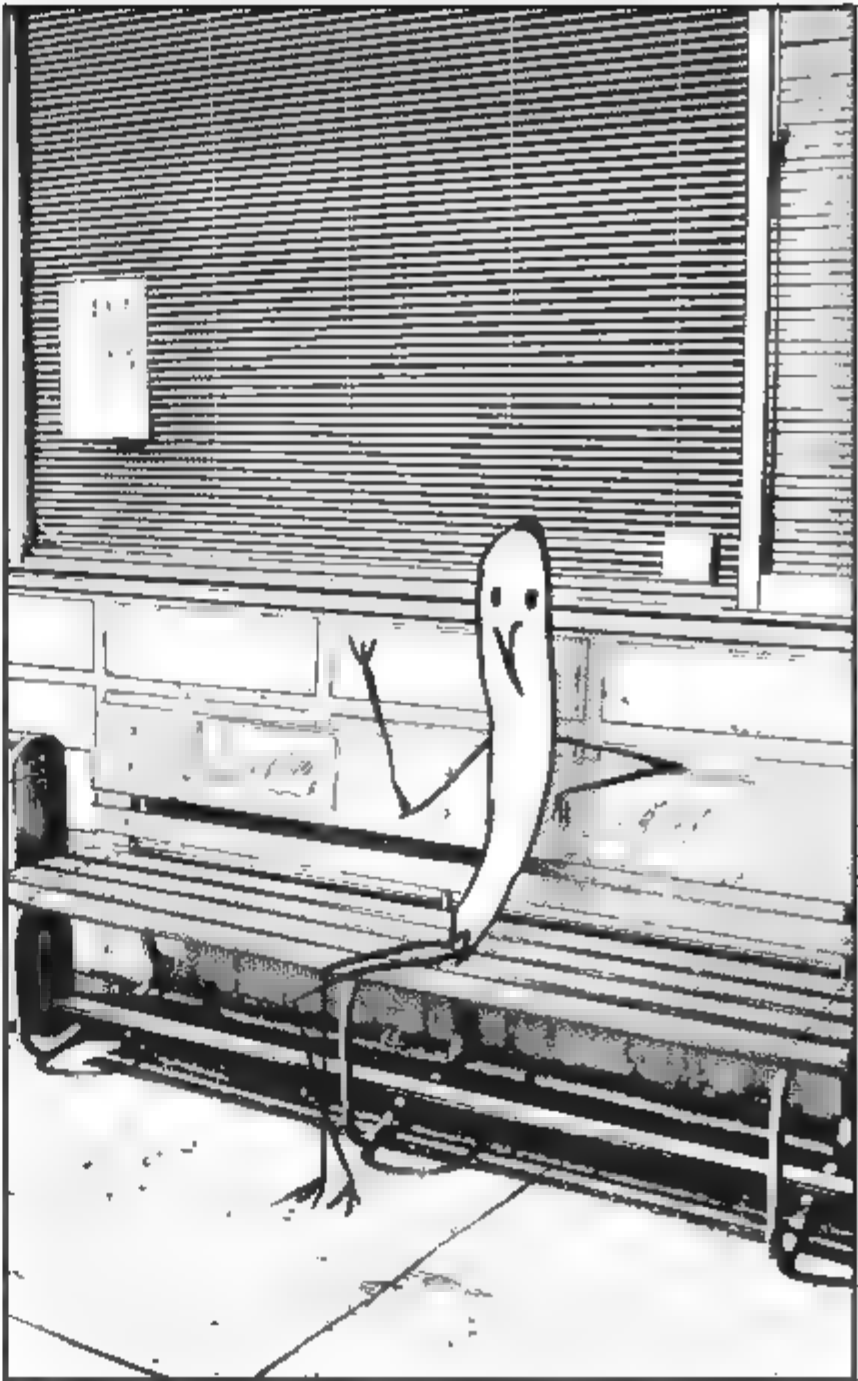


I'LL  
THINK  
ABOUT  
IT.

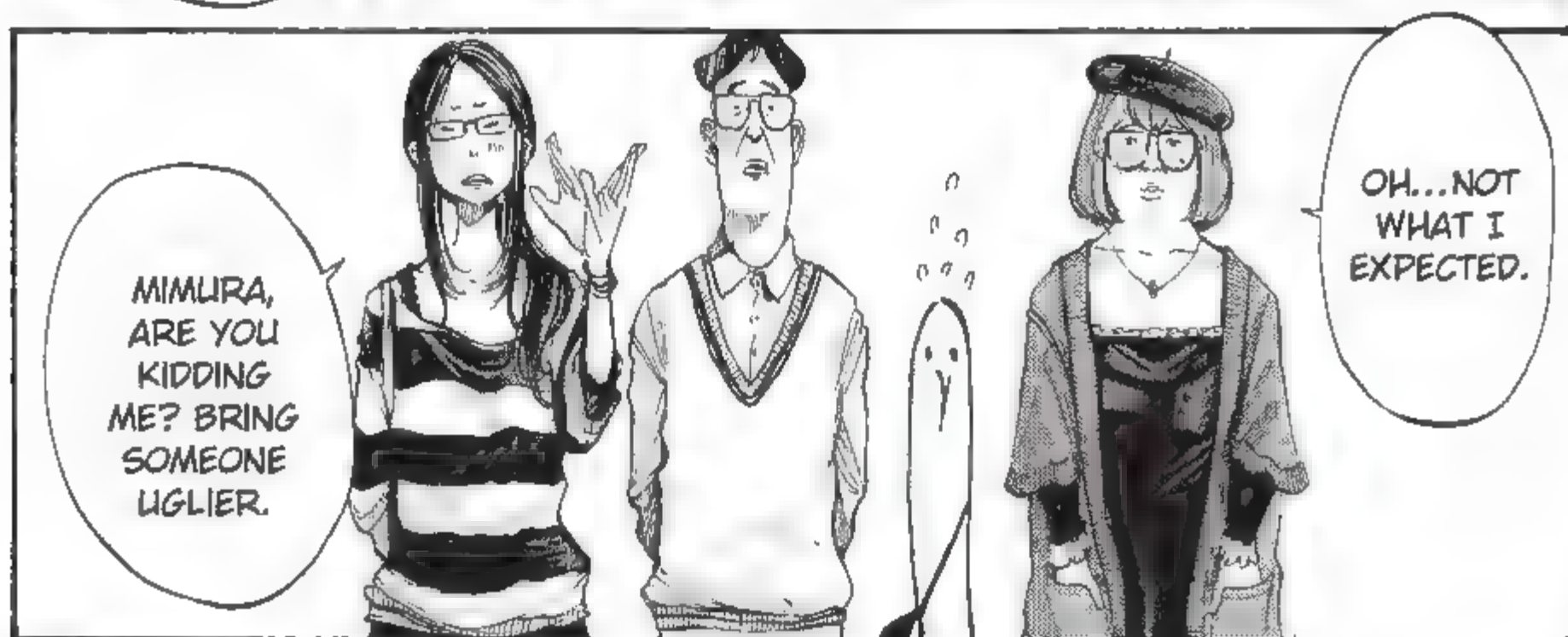




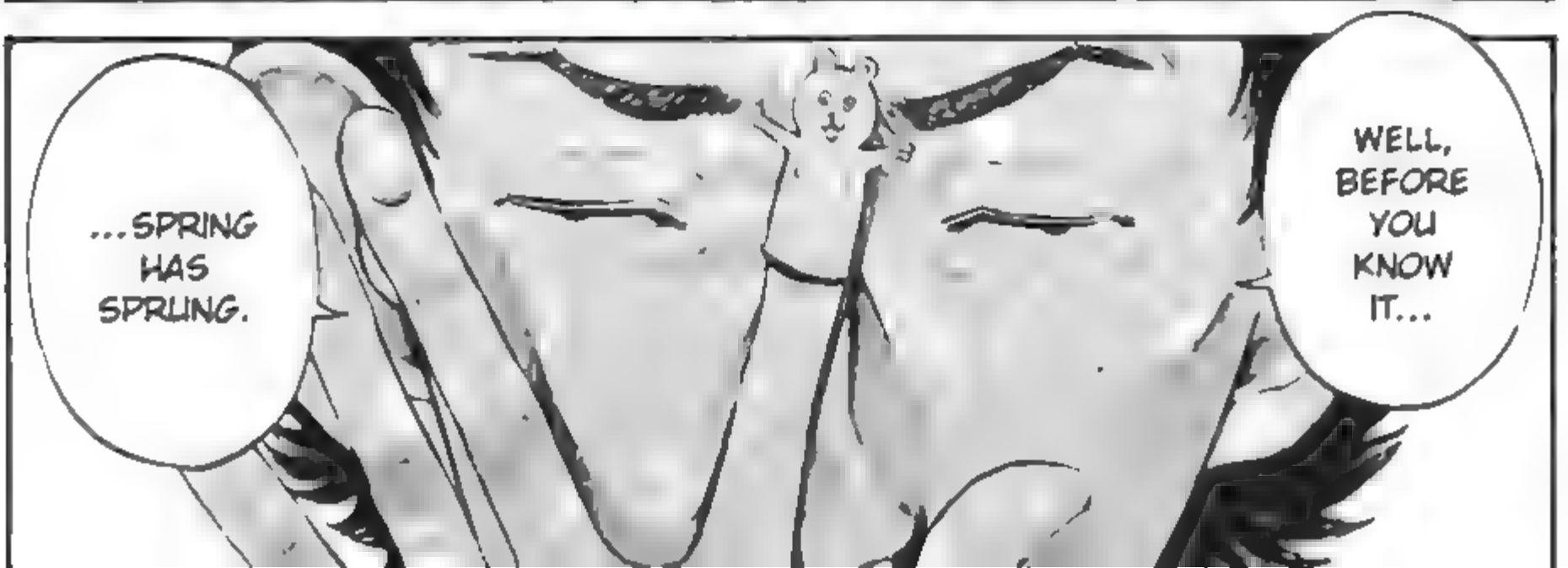














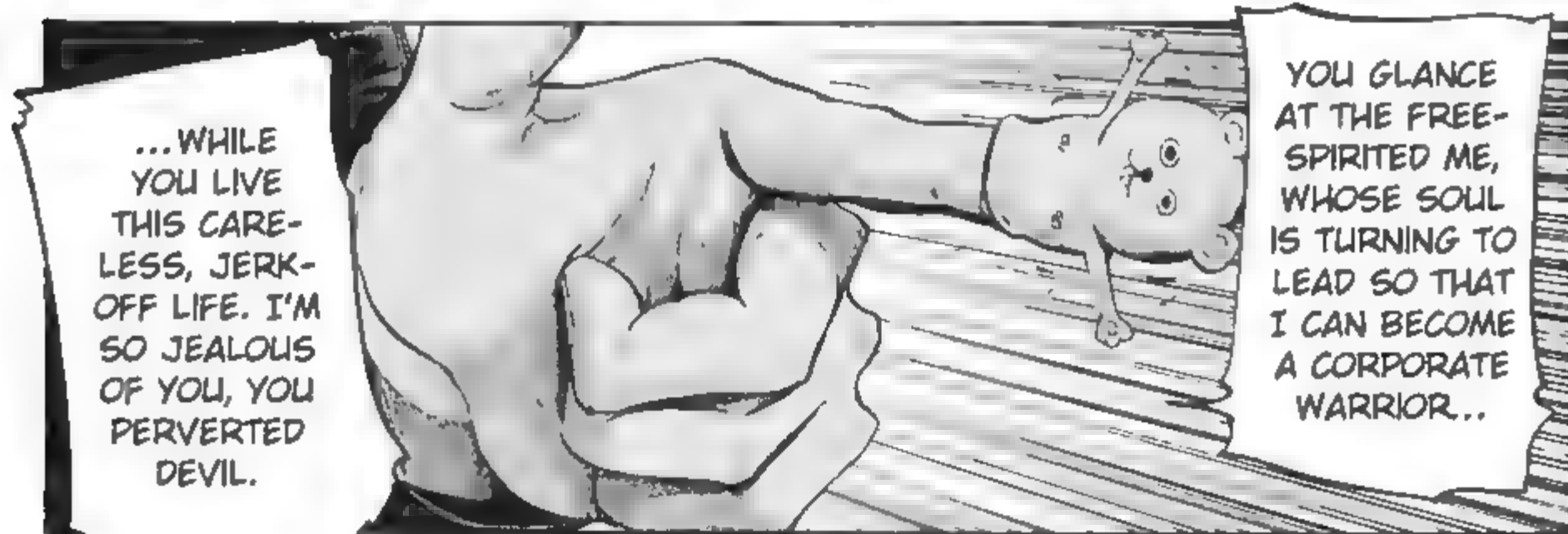


I'M WEARING A SUIT—CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

THIS SPRING I'VE DECIDED THAT JUST A TEACHING CERTIFICATE ISN'T SECURE ENOUGH, SO I'VE STARTED GOING TO INFORMATION MEETINGS AT CORPORATE OFFICES.

SINCE '95, SO THIS IS OUR SIXTH SPRING.

SO HOW LONG HAVE WE KNOWN EACH OTHER?



...WHILE YOU LIVE THIS CARELESS, JERK-OFF LIFE. I'M SO JEALOUS OF YOU, YOU PERVERTED DEVIL.

YOU GLANCE AT THE FREE-SPIRITED ME, WHOSE SOUL IS TURNING TO LEAD SO THAT I CAN BECOME A CORPORATE WARRIOR...



I'LL GO LOOK OVER THERE.

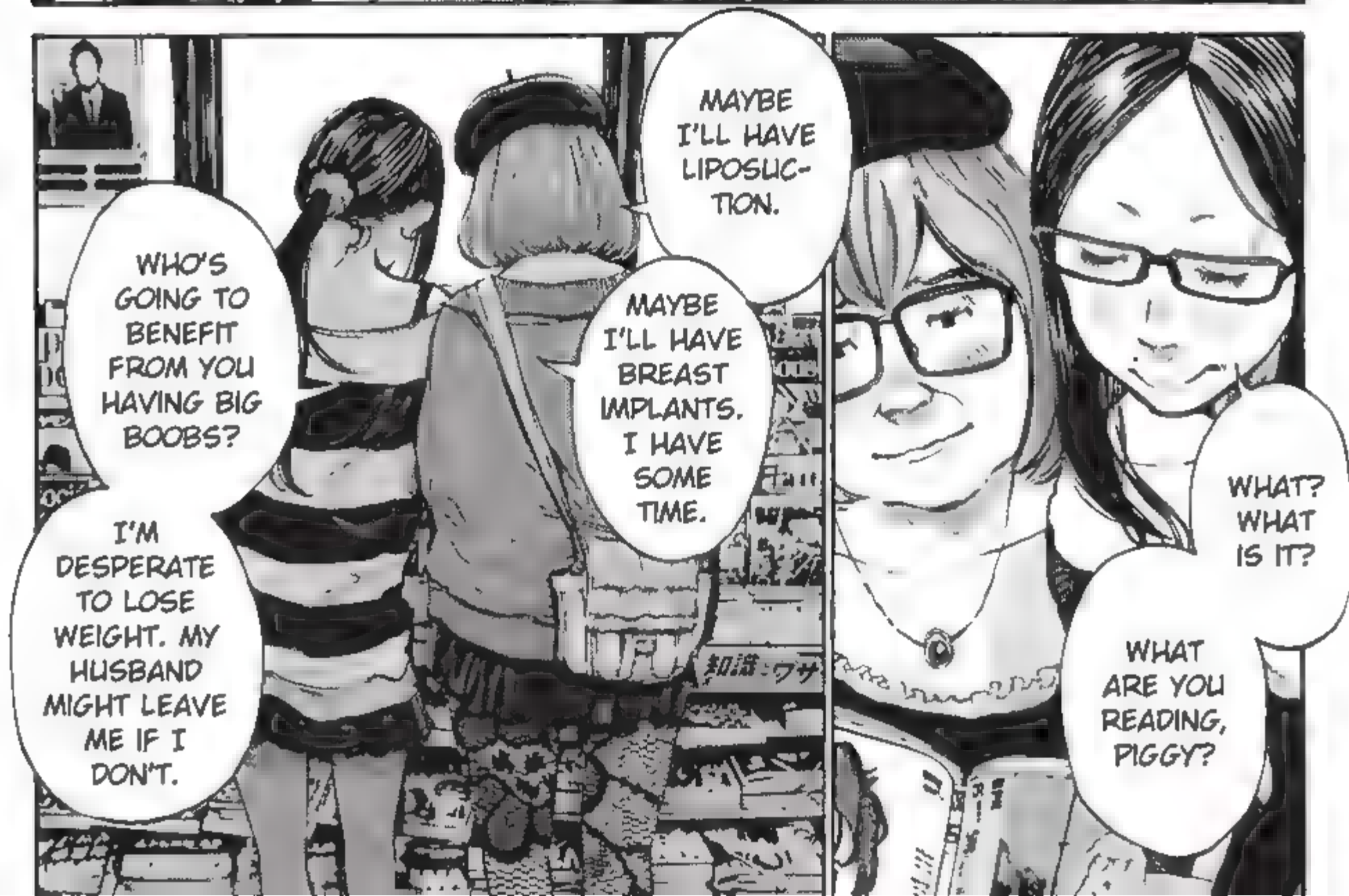
YES, YES, YES, GO TO THE VERY ENDS OF THE EARTH!



WHEN YOU BECOME A REAL ESTATE AGENT, I'M GOING TO ACT COOL AND COME RENT A NICE ROOM FROM YOU, ONOTTI.

GEEZ, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE CARRYING THAT AROUND.







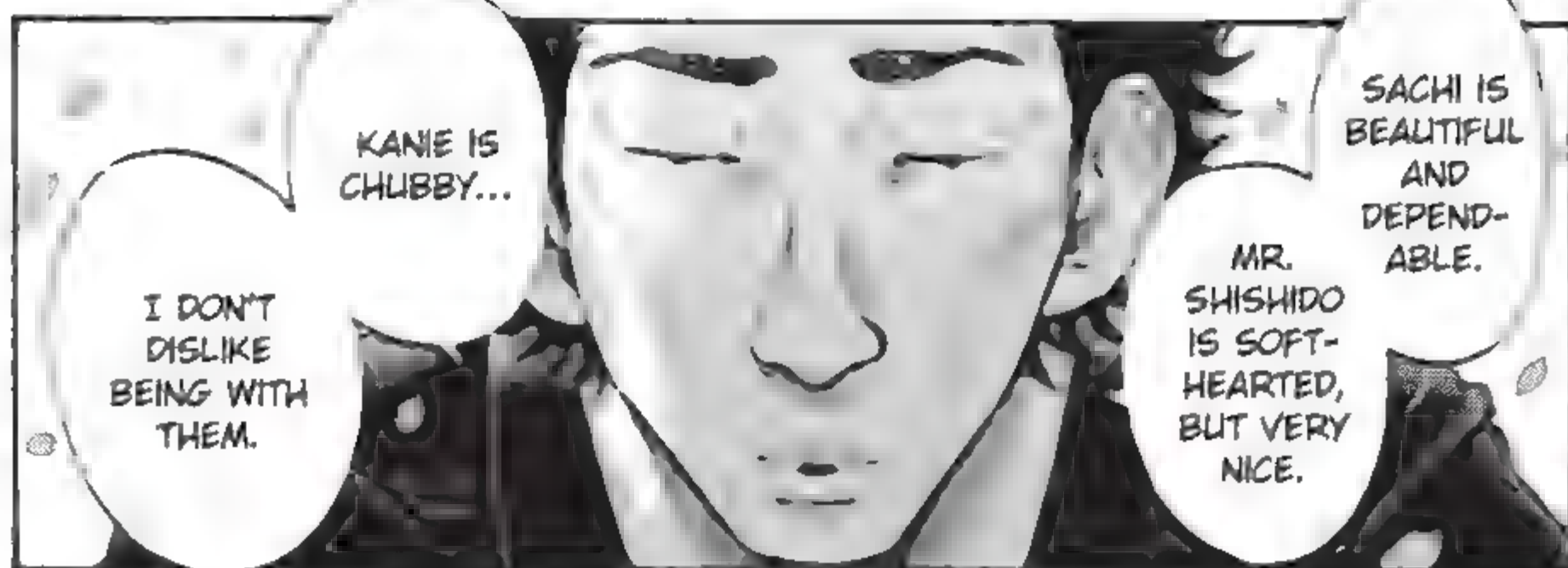






I  
WONDER  
IF  
GESUMI

...WILL GET  
ALONG WITH  
EVERYONE?



KANIE IS  
CHUBBY...

I DON'T  
DISLIKE  
BEING WITH  
THEM.

SACHI IS  
BEAUTIFUL  
AND  
DEPEND-  
ABLE.

MR.  
SHISHIDO  
IS SOFT-  
HEARTED,  
BUT VERY  
NICE.



...AND  
COMPLAINING  
ABOUT WORK,  
BUT THAT'S  
OKAY TOO.

I'M SURE  
BY THEN  
WE'LL ALL  
BE SAYING  
HOW BUSY  
WE ARE...

...NEXT  
YEAR AND  
THE YEAR  
AFTER  
THAT.

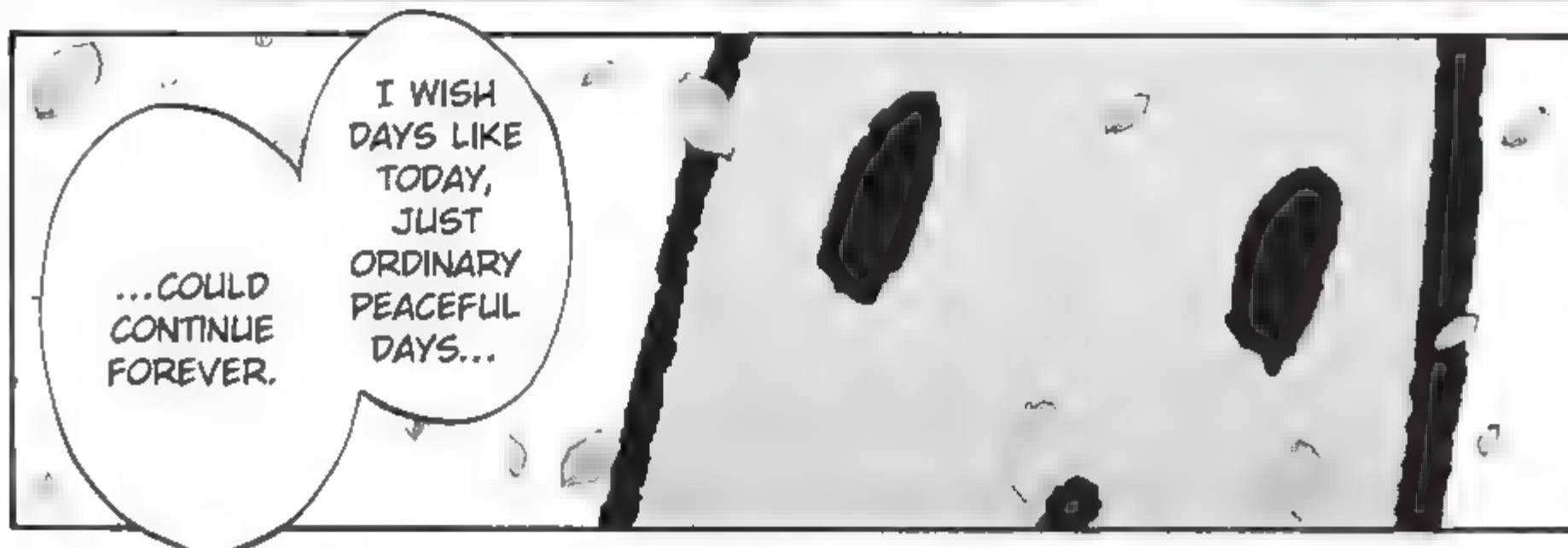
WE  
SHOULD  
ALL GET  
TOGETHER





...  
HONESTLY  
...

BUT...



...COULD  
CONTINUE  
FOREVER.

I WISH  
DAYS LIKE  
TODAY,  
JUST  
ORDINARY  
PEACEFUL  
DAYS...



...WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK,  
ONOTTI?

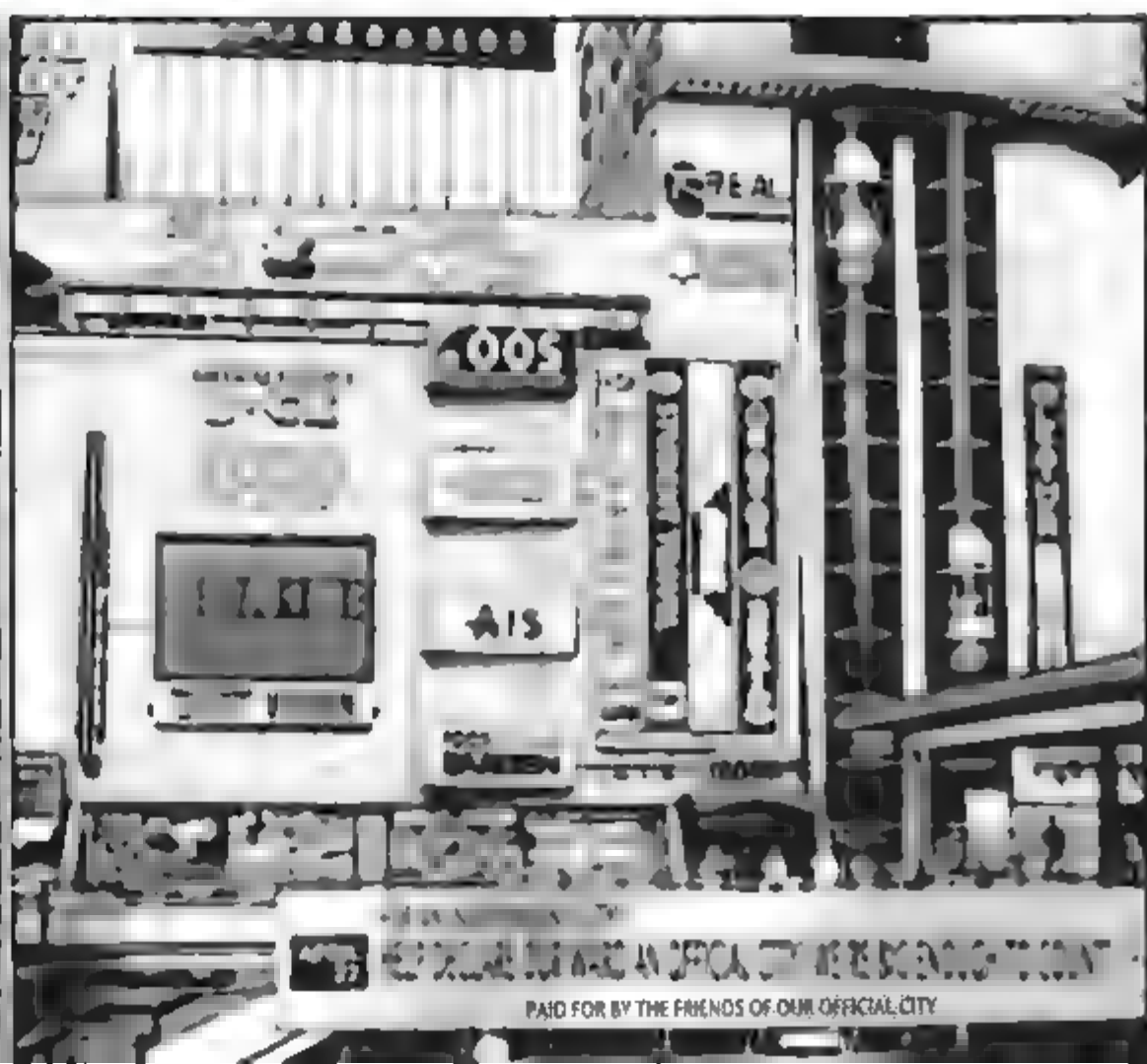
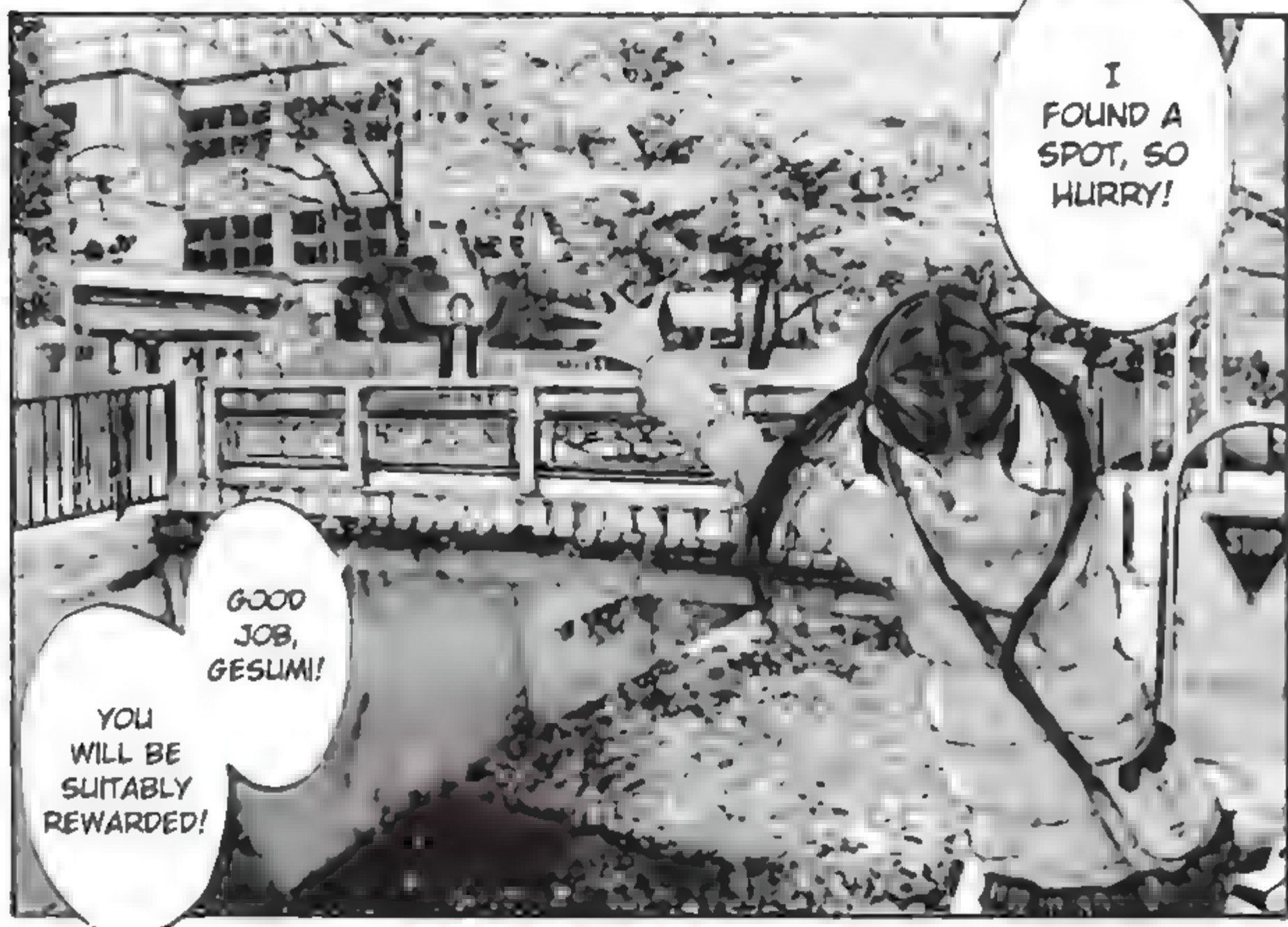
WELL...

Punpun  
was...











HOW TO GET A  
**STANDARD  
DRIVER'S  
LICENSE**

HIS STUDIES  
FOR THE REAL  
ESTATE LICENSE  
SEEM TO BE  
GOING WELL, AND  
IF HE'S GOING TO  
DO REAL ESTATE,  
HE'S GOING TO  
NEED A DRIVER'S  
LICENSE.

OH,  
I THINK  
PUNPUN  
SHOULD GET  
HIS DRIVER'S  
LICENSE.

MR.  
SHISHIDO,  
WHY ARE  
YOU  
GETTING  
THAT  
NOW?

HE'S  
PRETTY  
RANDOM.

I  
WONDER  
...

IT'S NOT  
LIKE WE'RE  
FIGHTING.

WE'LL GO  
BACK TO  
NORMAL  
EVENTUALLY.

THAT'S  
\$8.95,  
PLEASE.

YOU'RE SO  
STUBBORN,  
SACHI...

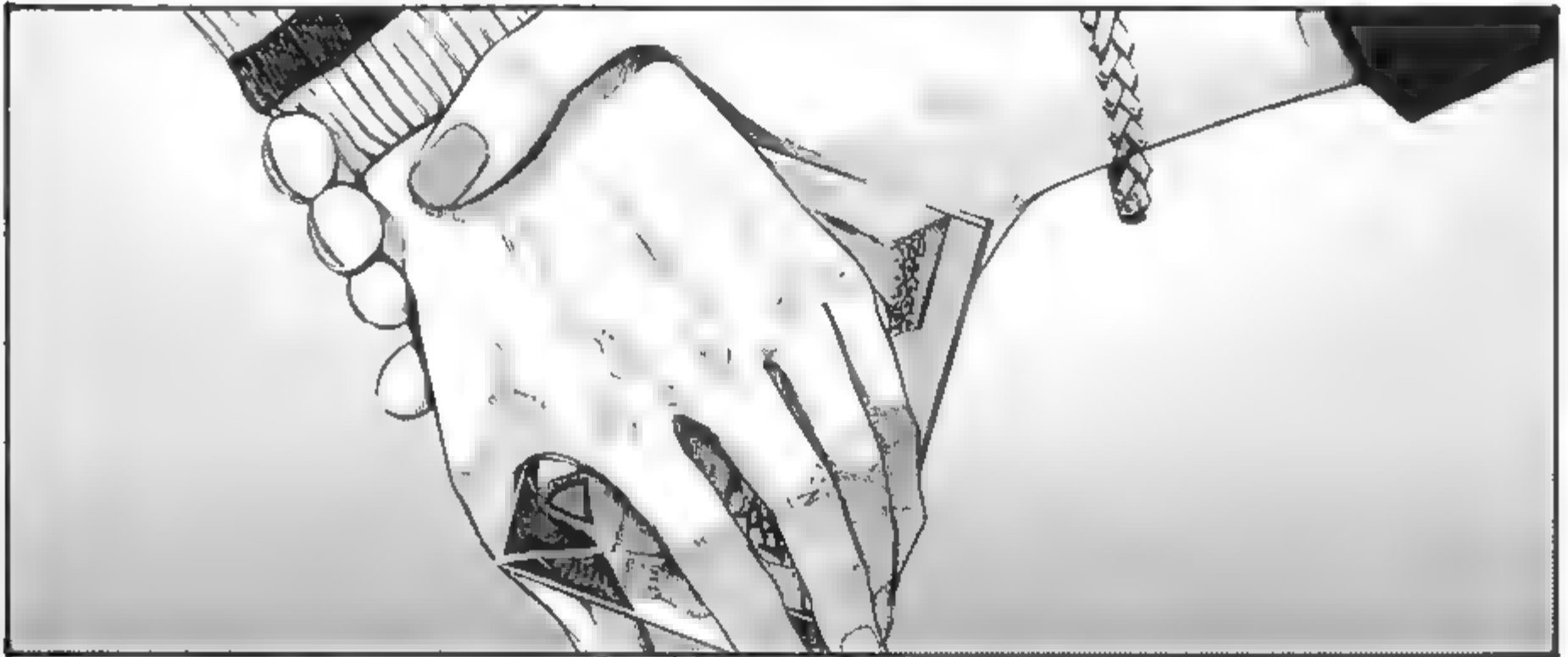
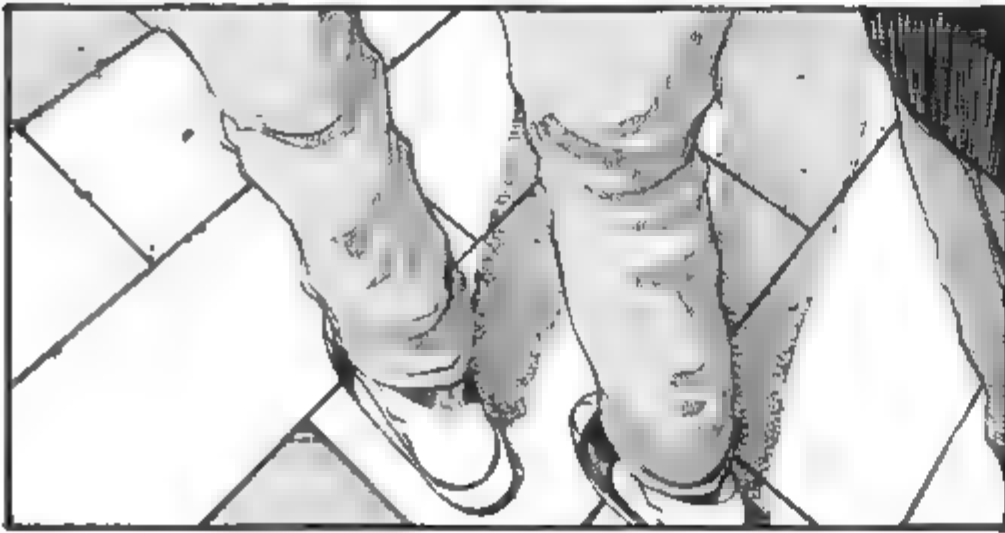
YOU'RE  
OLDER, SO  
CUT HIM  
SOME  
SLACK.



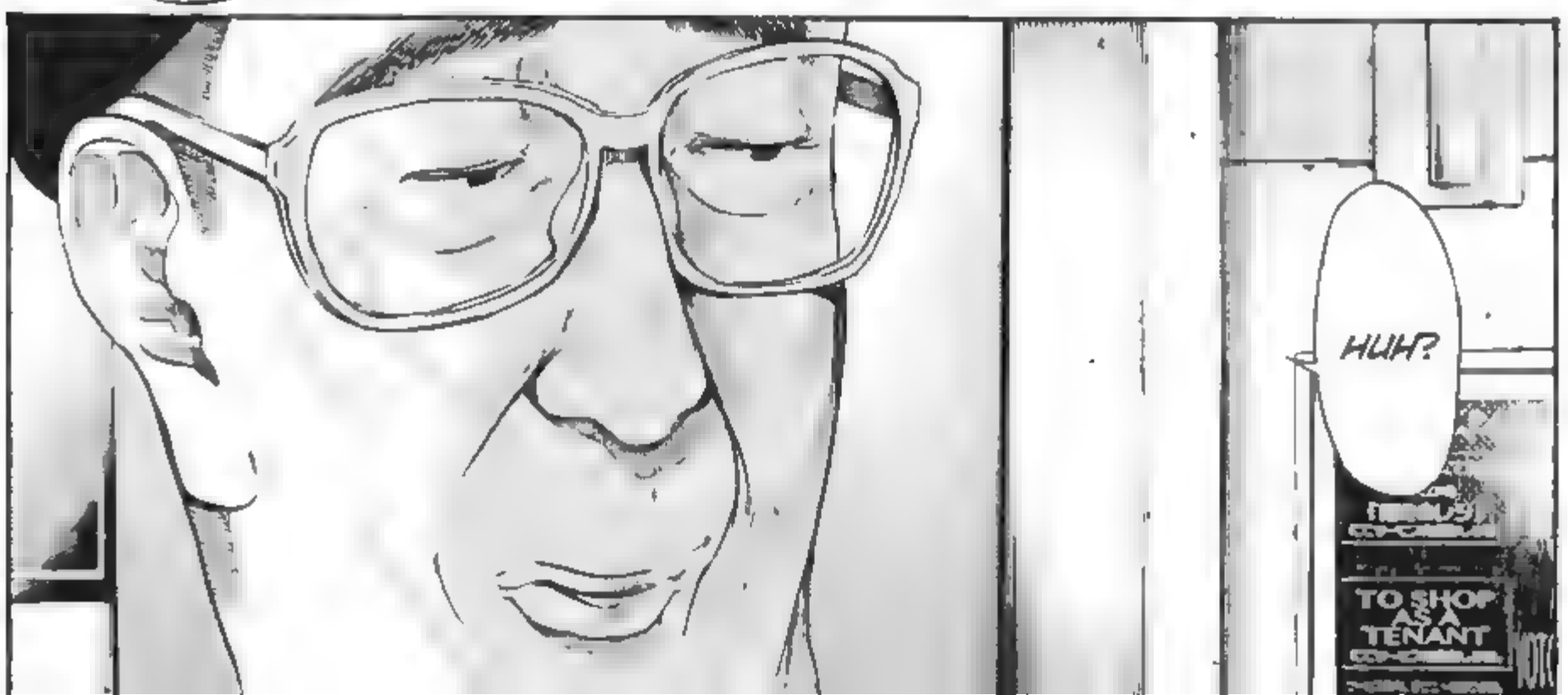
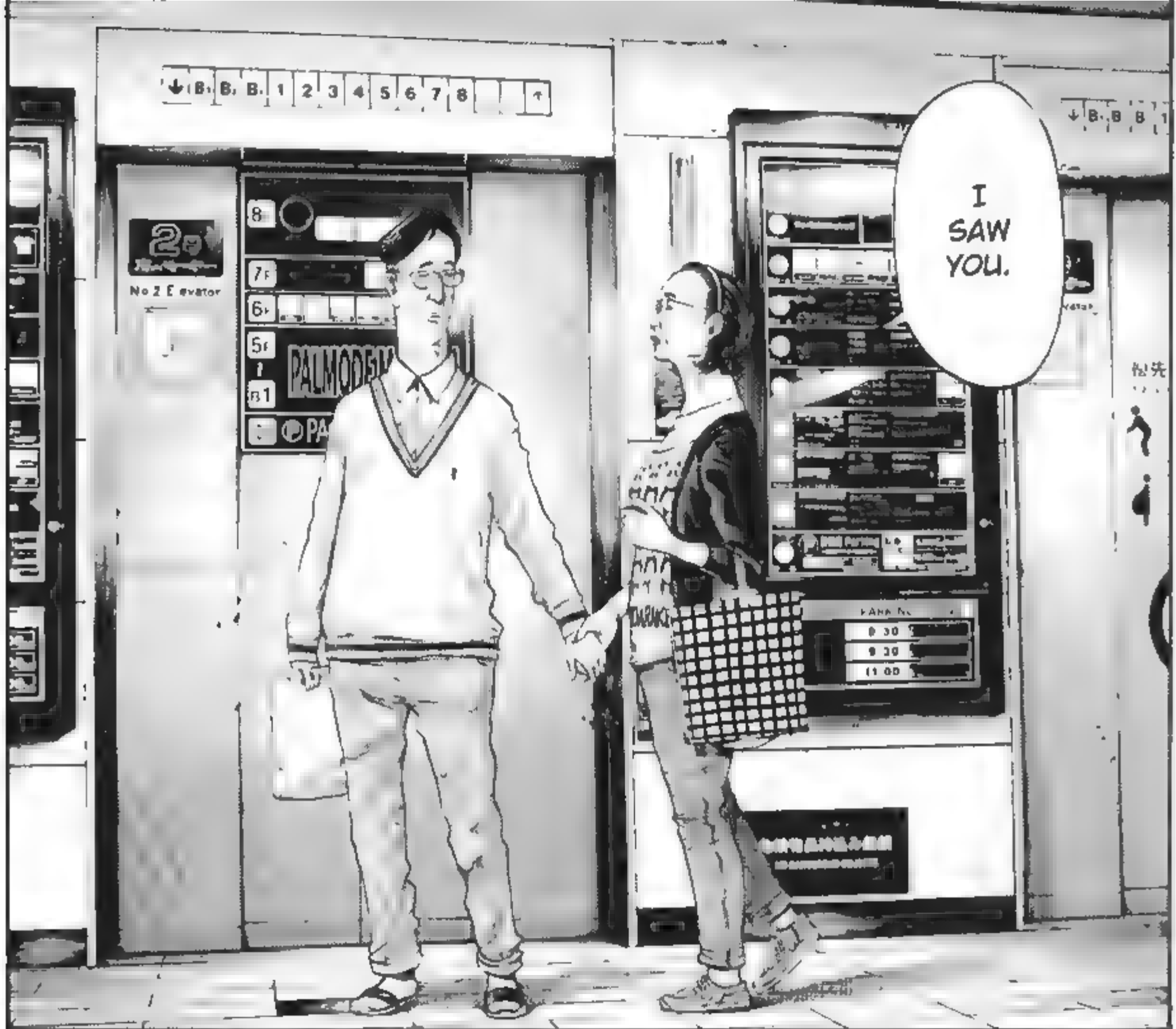




















SOME-  
BODY  
HELP!

THIS  
MAN  
IS A  
SHOP-  
LIFTER!



I THOUGHT  
YOU LOOKED  
SUSPICIOUS.

NOT THAT,  
WHAT'S  
IN YOUR  
POCKET...



OH  
NO...

I WAS  
PLANNING  
TO PAY  
FOR THIS.



I'VE  
BEEN  
WATCHING  
YOU.

DON'T  
PLAY  
DUMB  
WITH  
ME!

I ONLY  
HAVE MY  
WALLET  
IN MY  
POCKET.





OH!



WAIT,  
WAIT,  
WAIT!

SOMEONE  
GRAB  
THIS  
MAN!



SLEEP



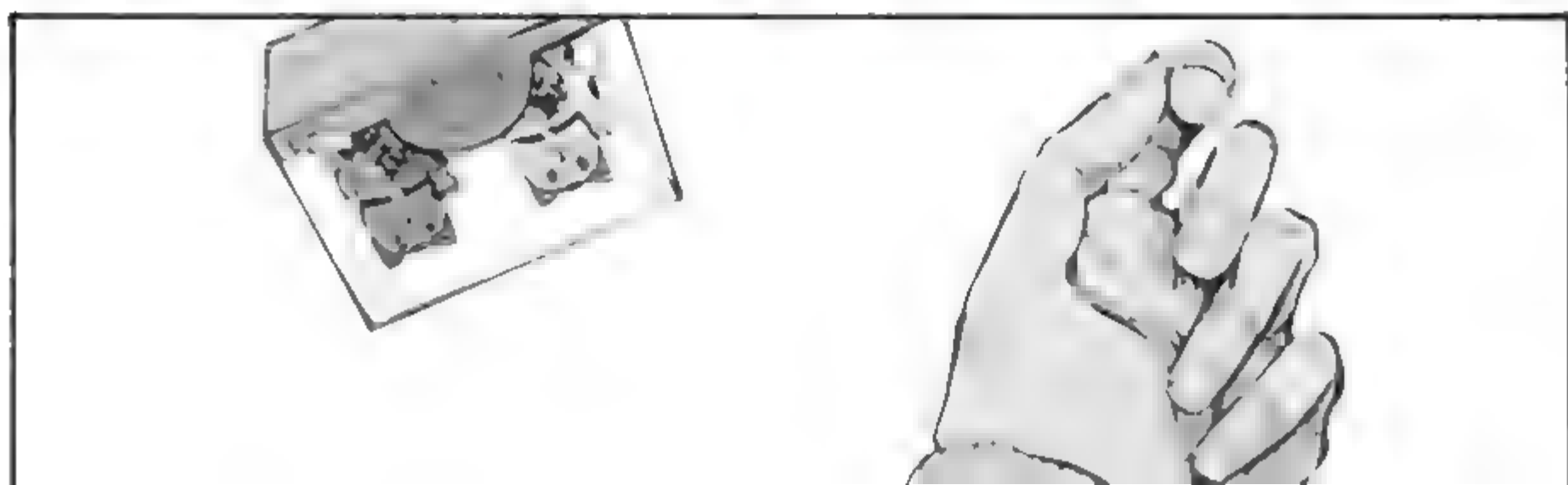
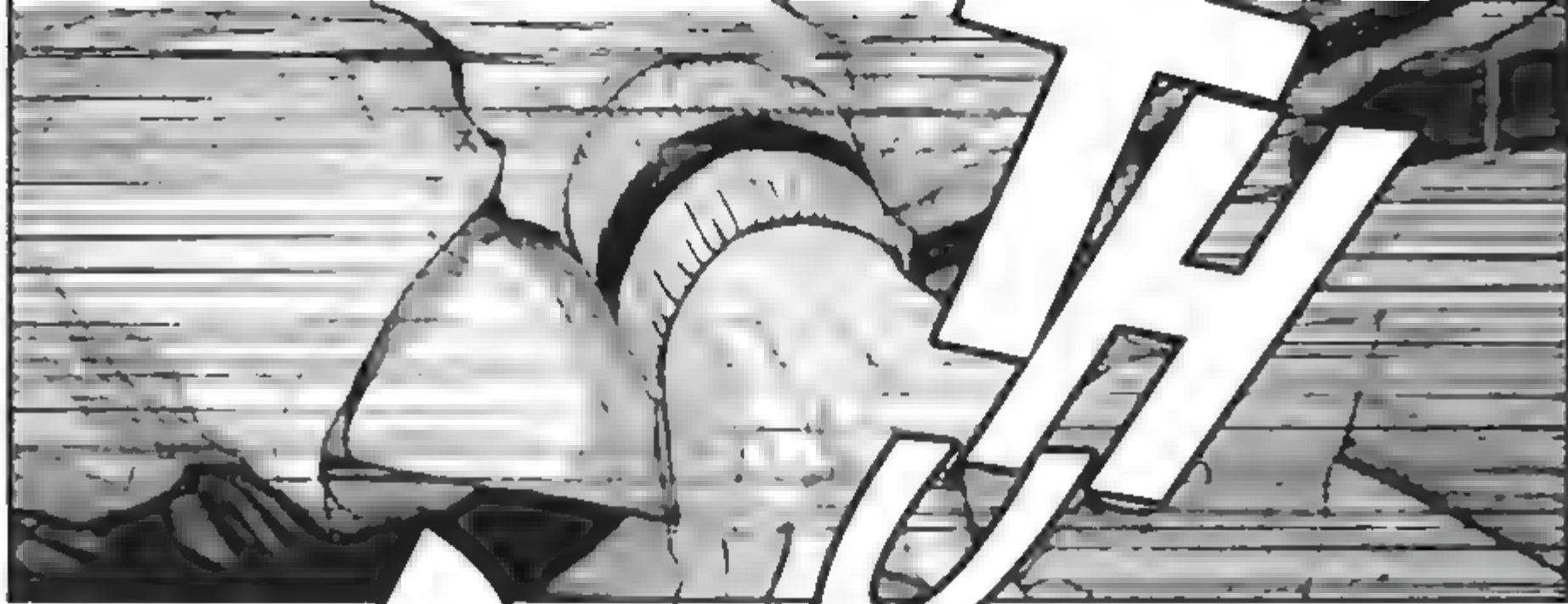
SERIOUSLY?

YOU'VE  
GOT  
TO BE  
KIDDING  
ME.

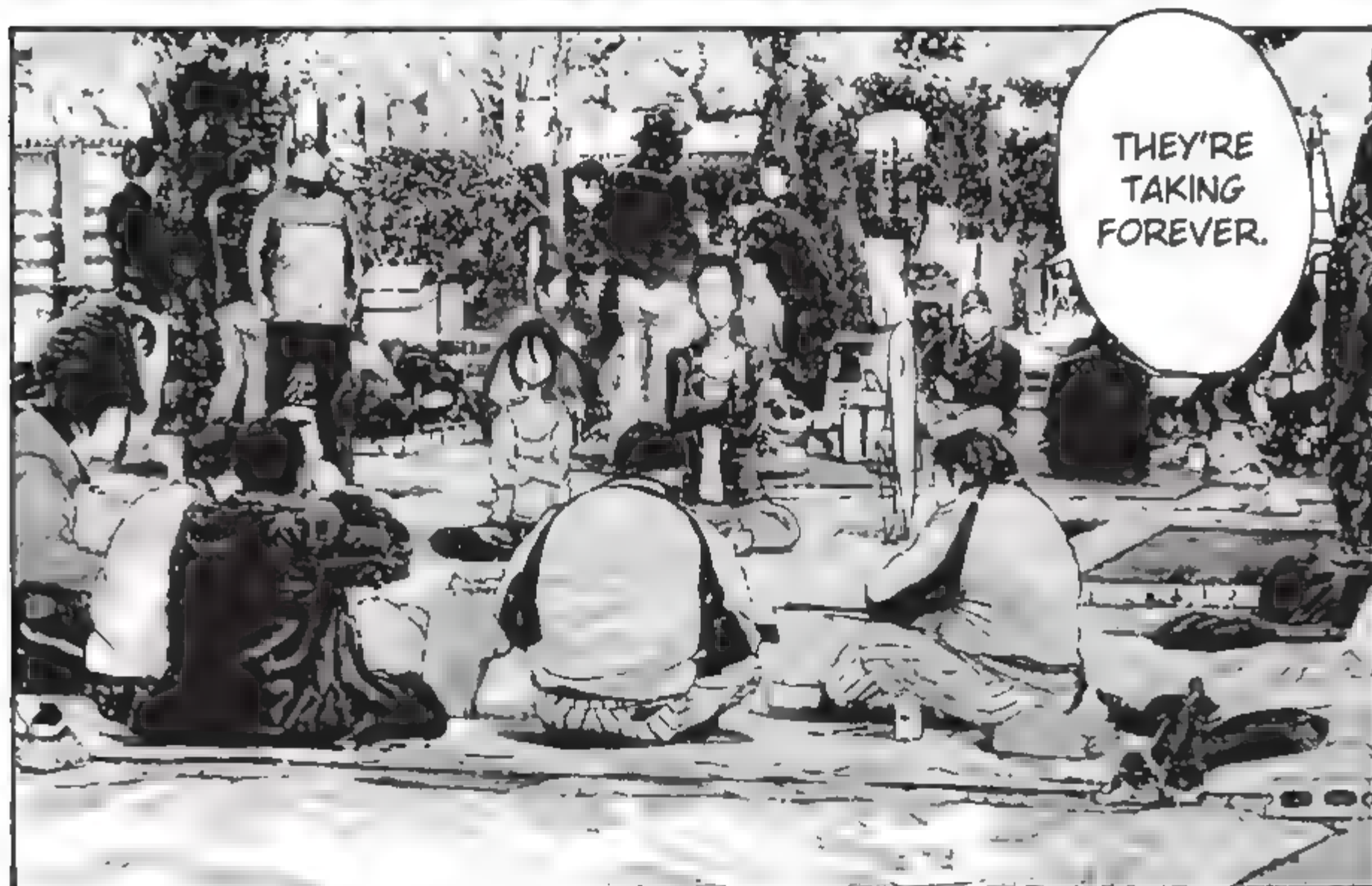


VIOLENCE!

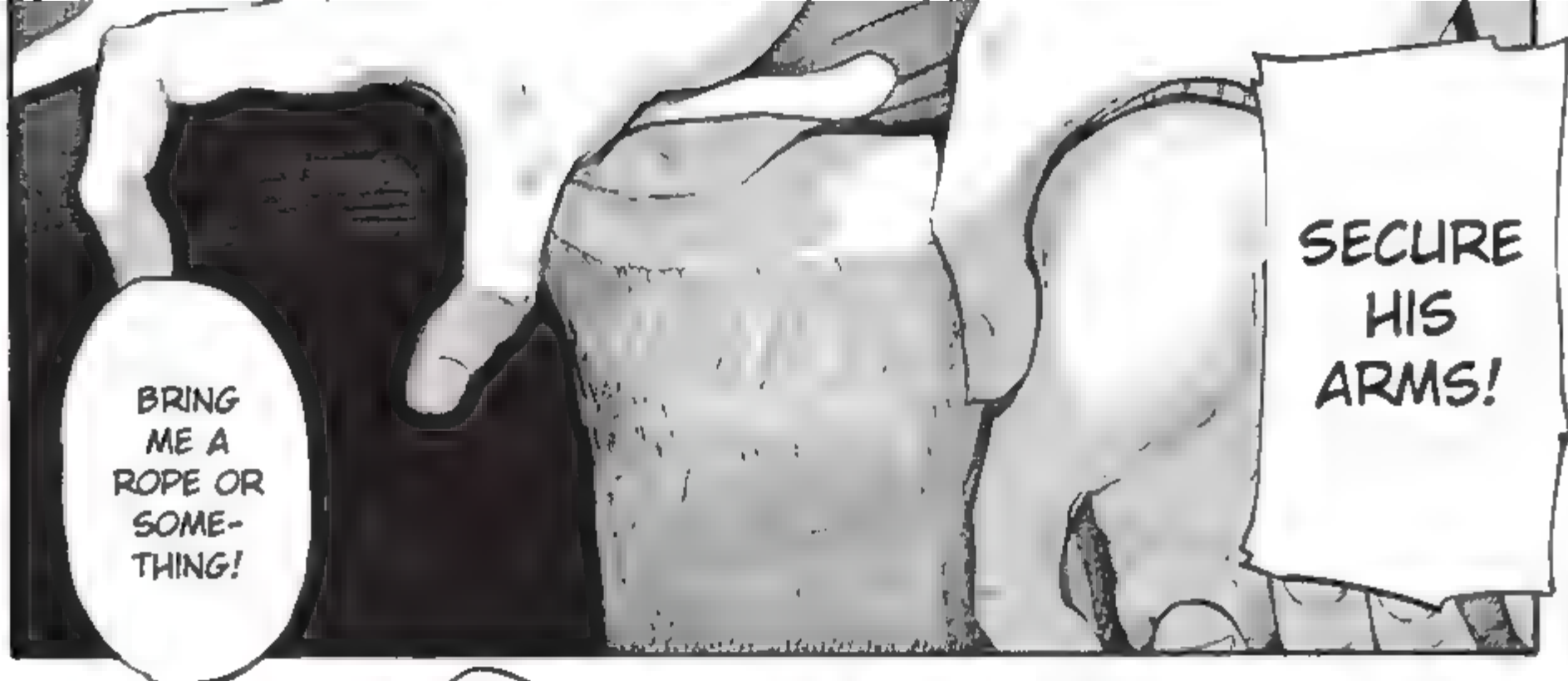
















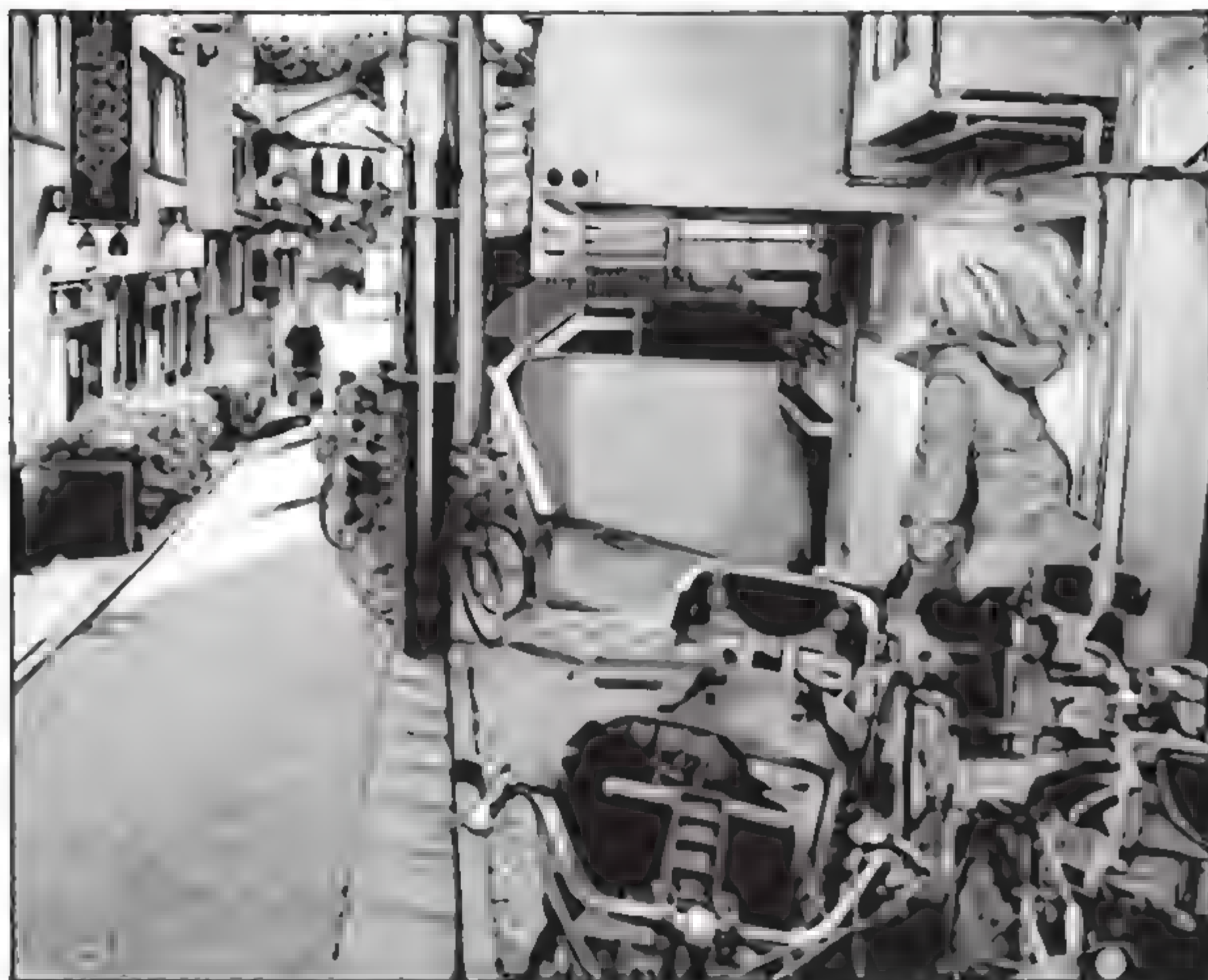
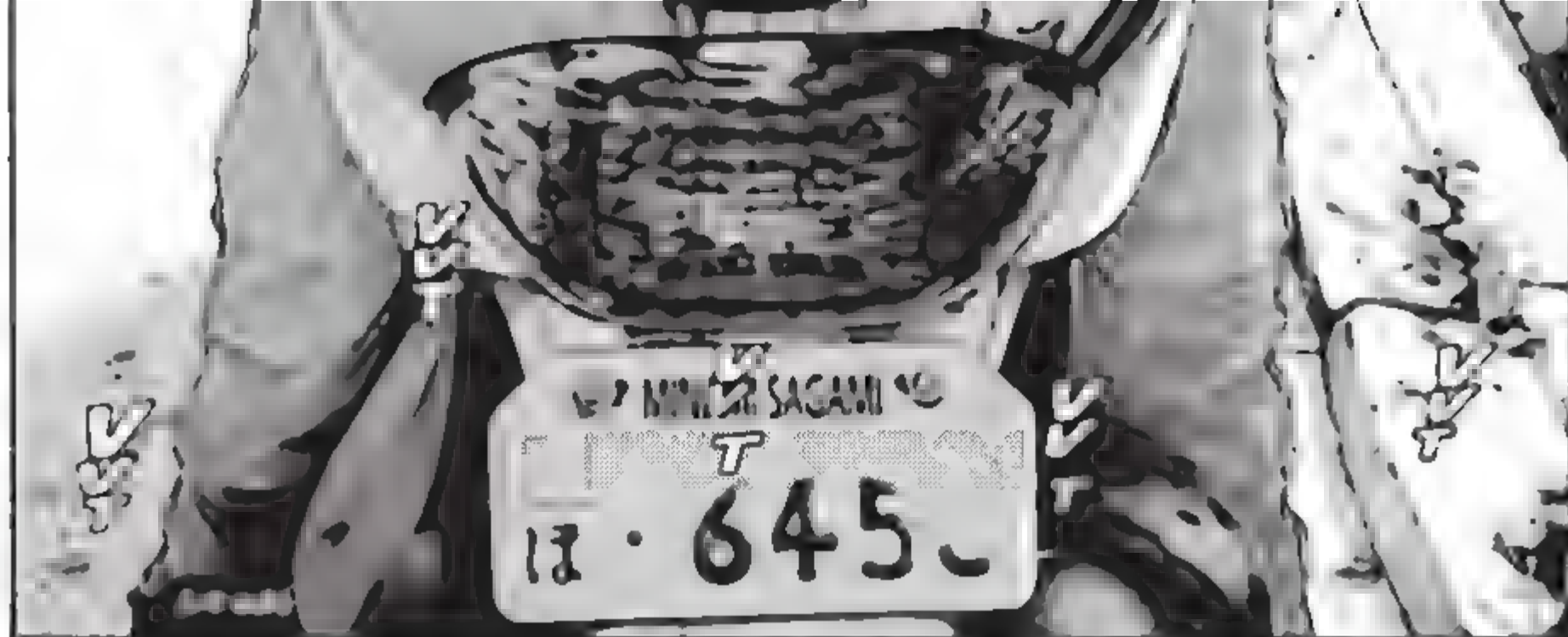














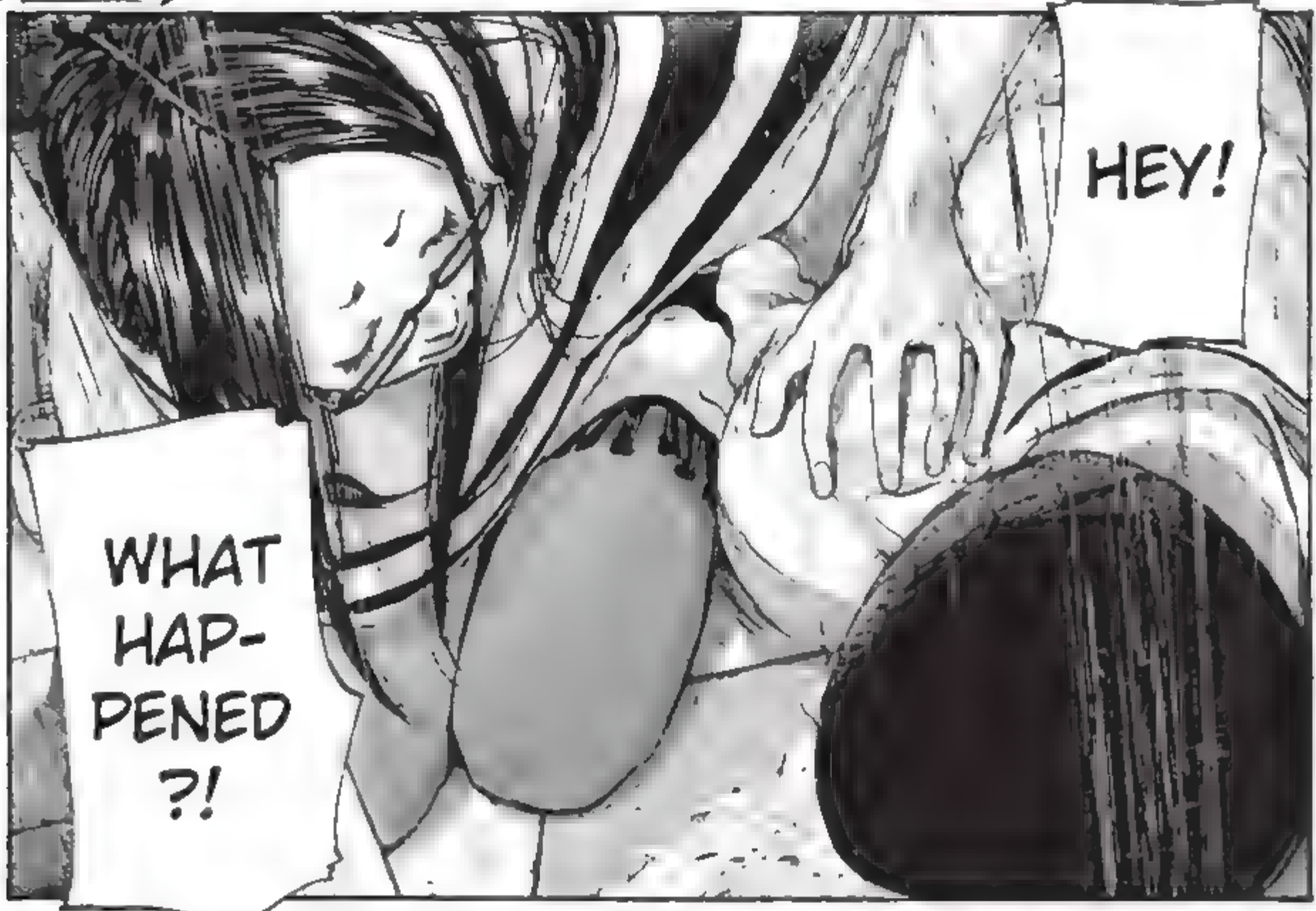


YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
CRUSH MR.  
SHISHIDO.

MOVE,  
YOU FAT  
BASTARD!

HEY,  
WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
DOING?!

WAIT...



WHAT  
HAP-  
PENED  
?!

HEY!







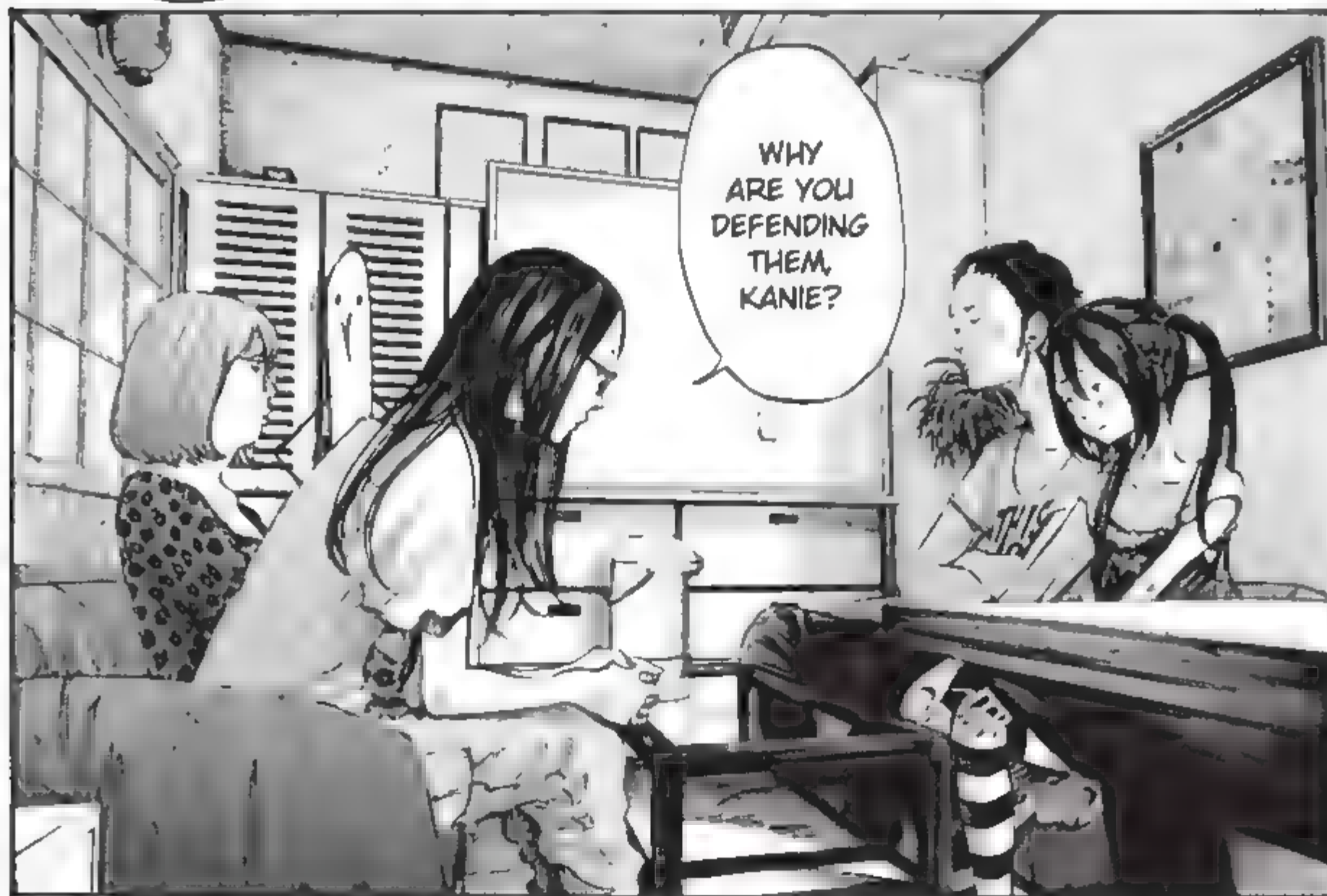
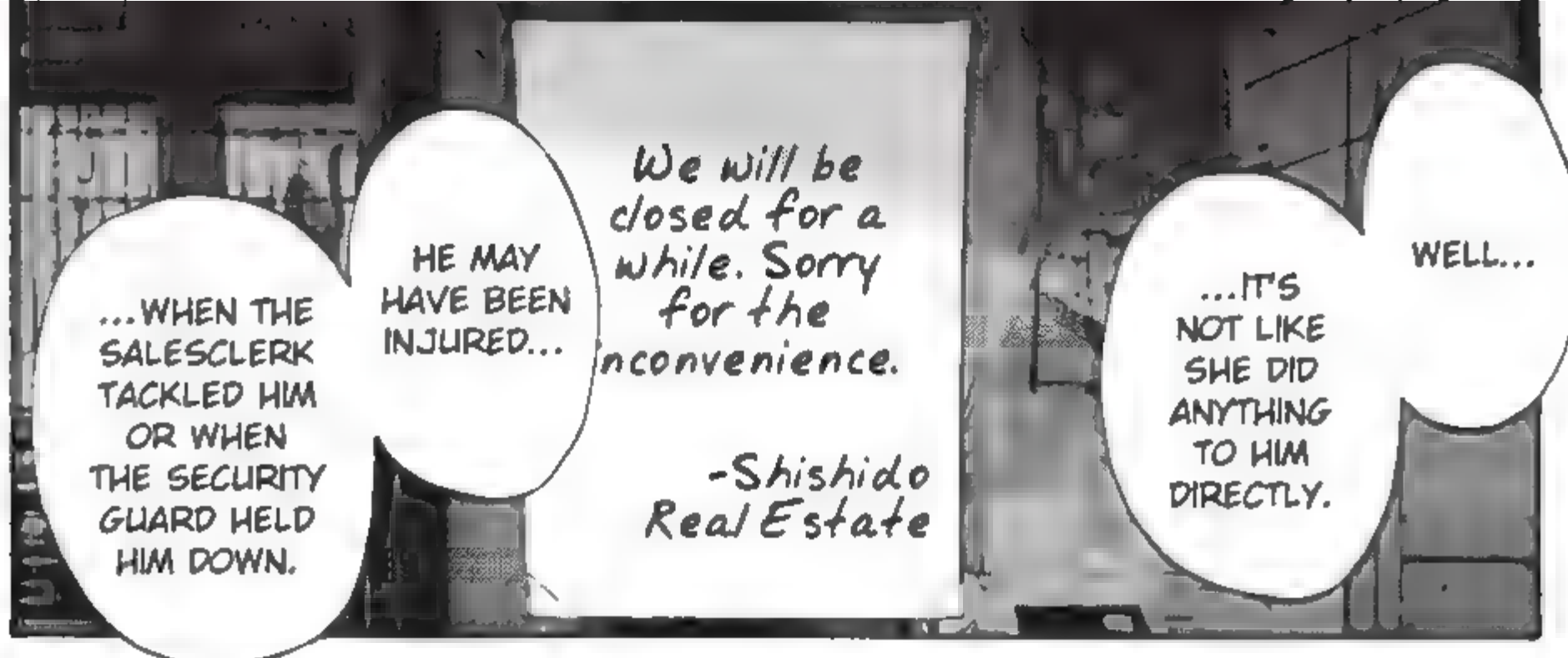
MR.  
SHISHIDO?



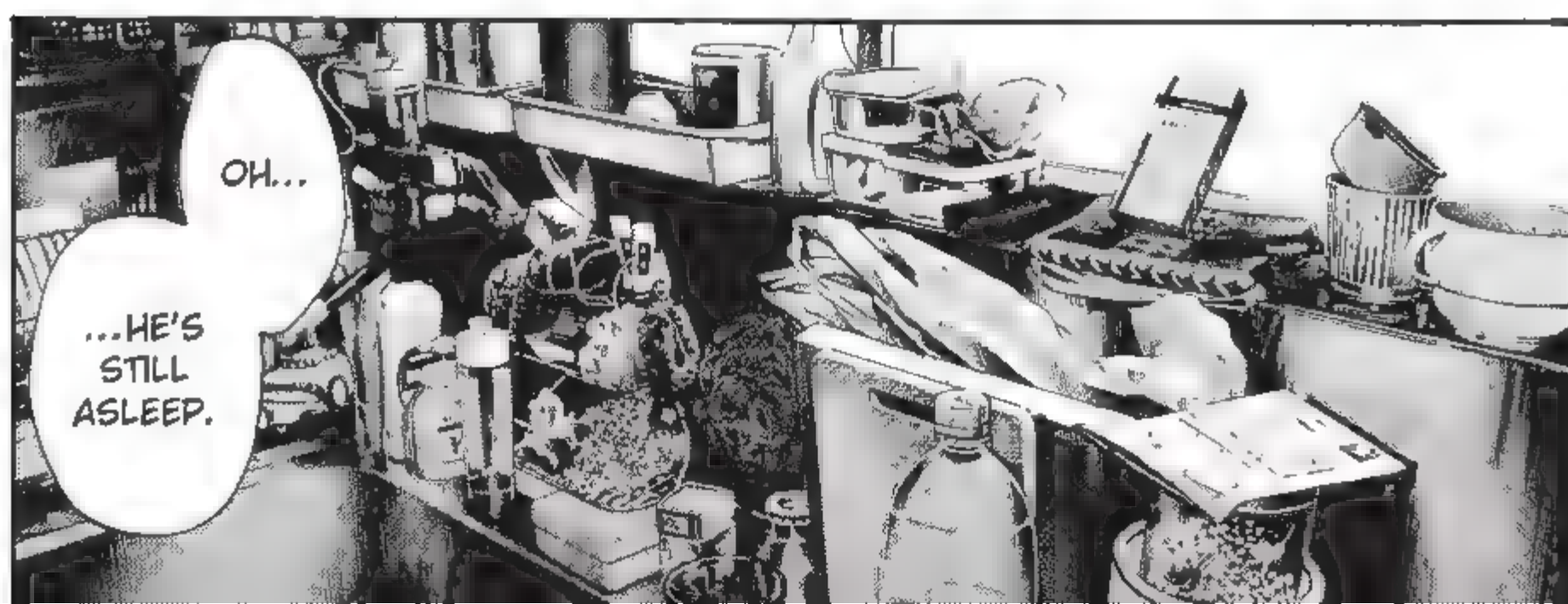
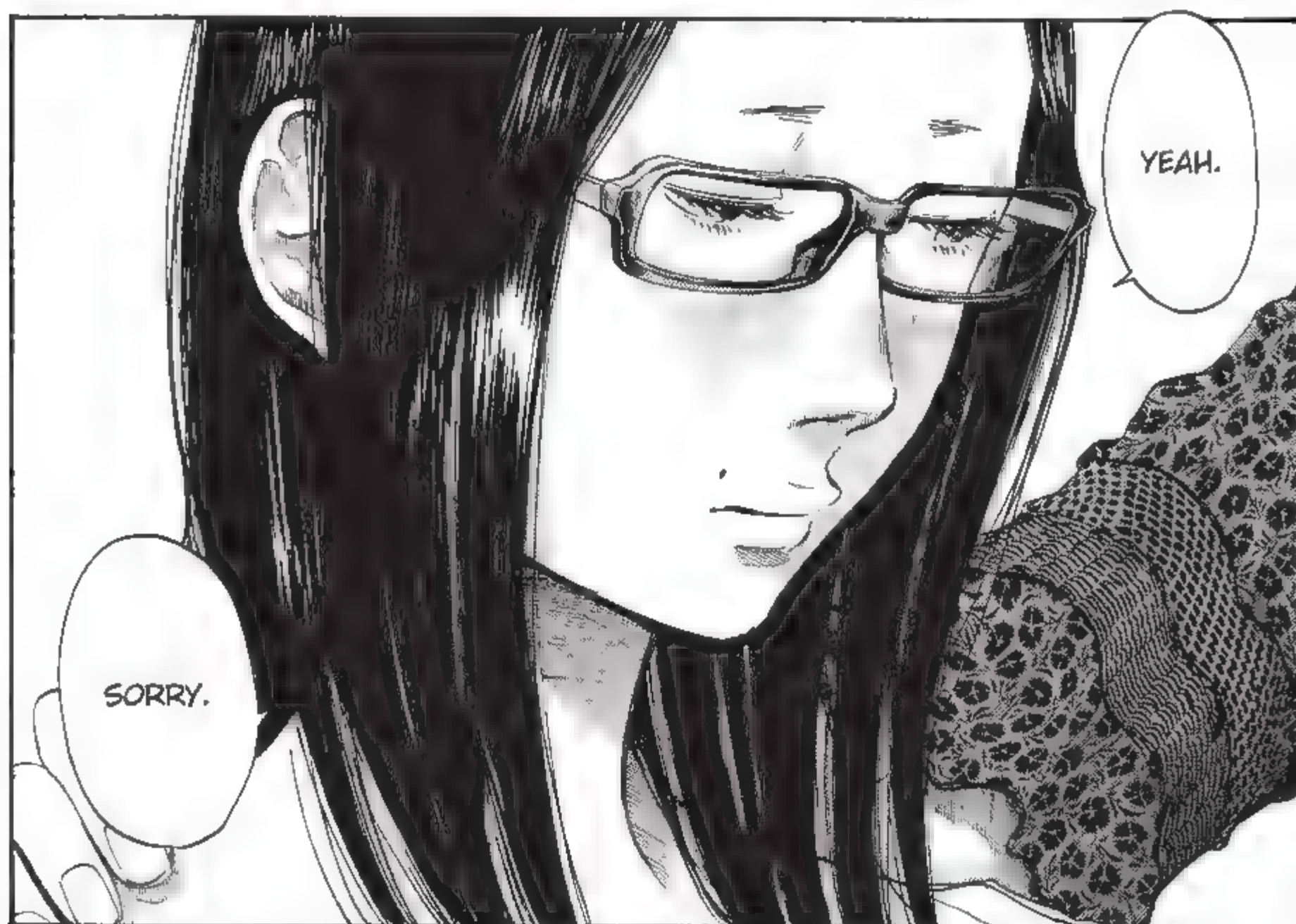


IT'S  
BEEN THREE  
WEEKS. HOW  
COULD THEY  
NOT HAVE  
FOUND WHO  
DID THIS  
YET?





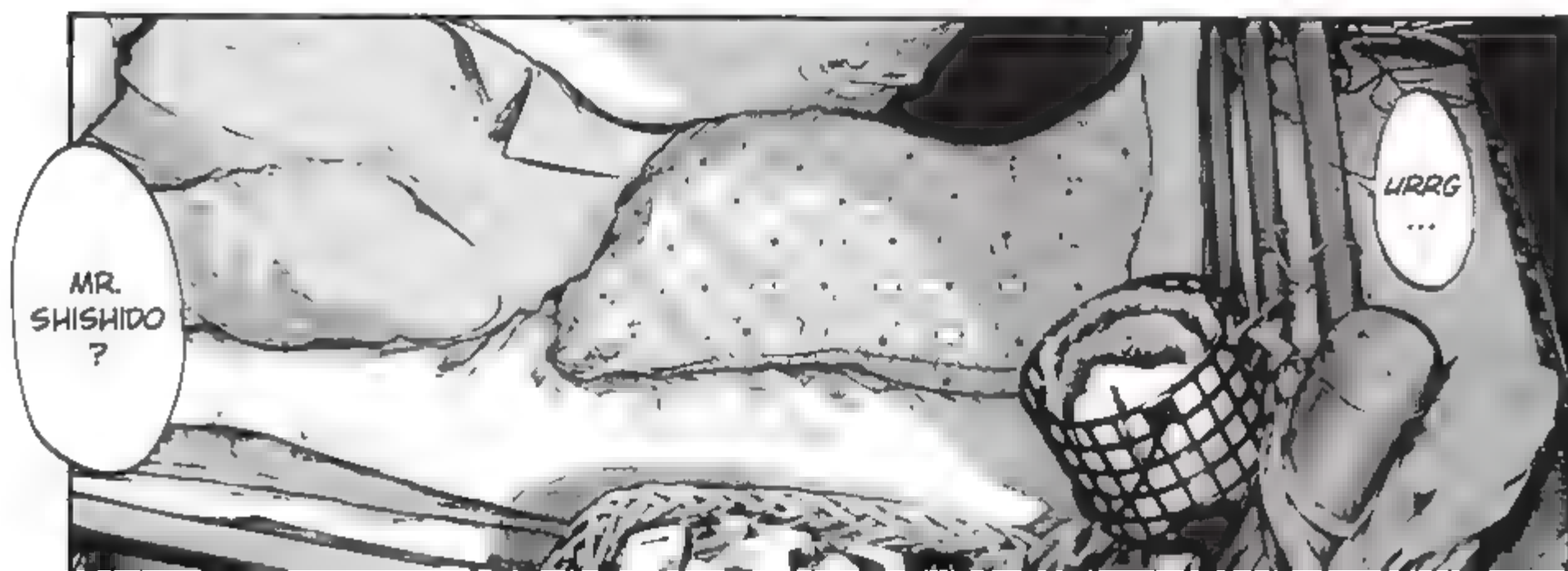




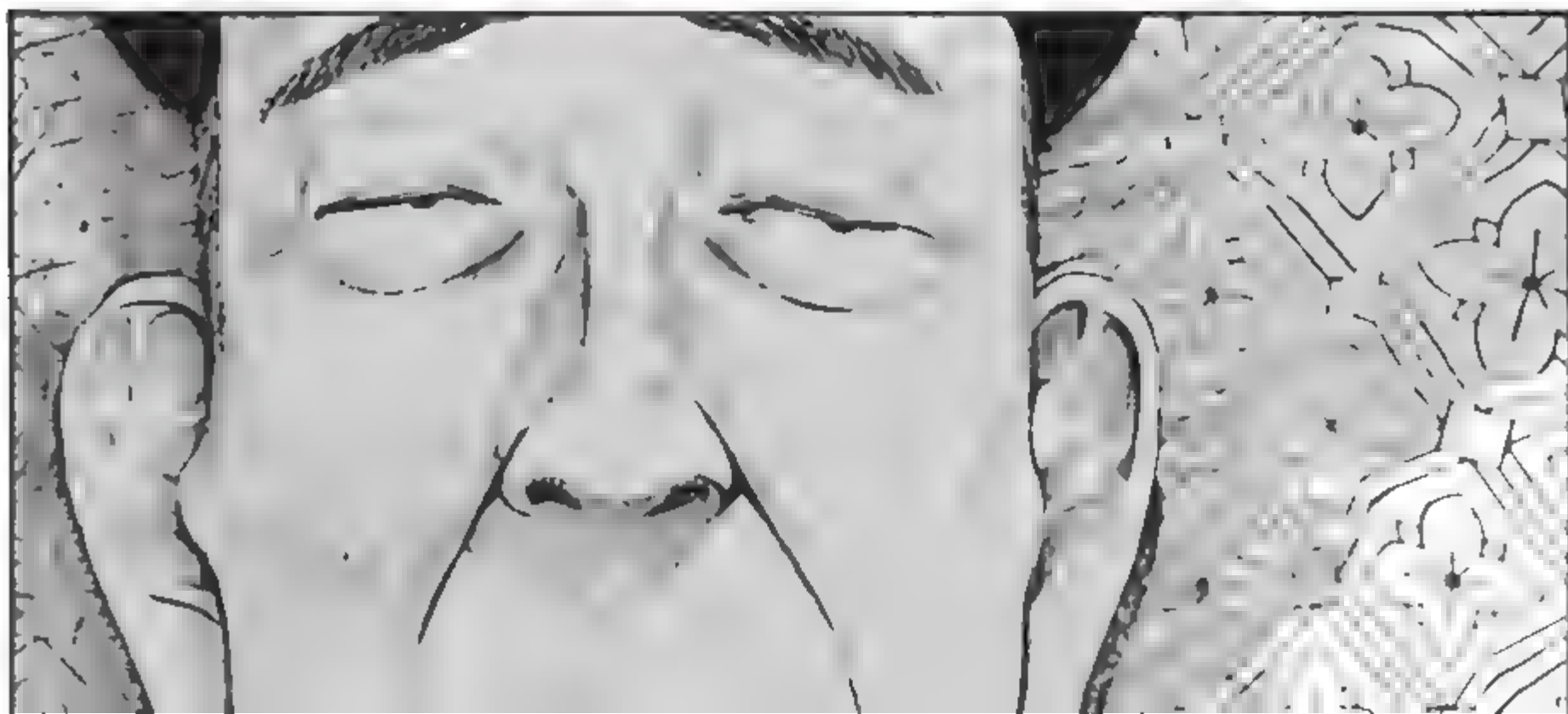
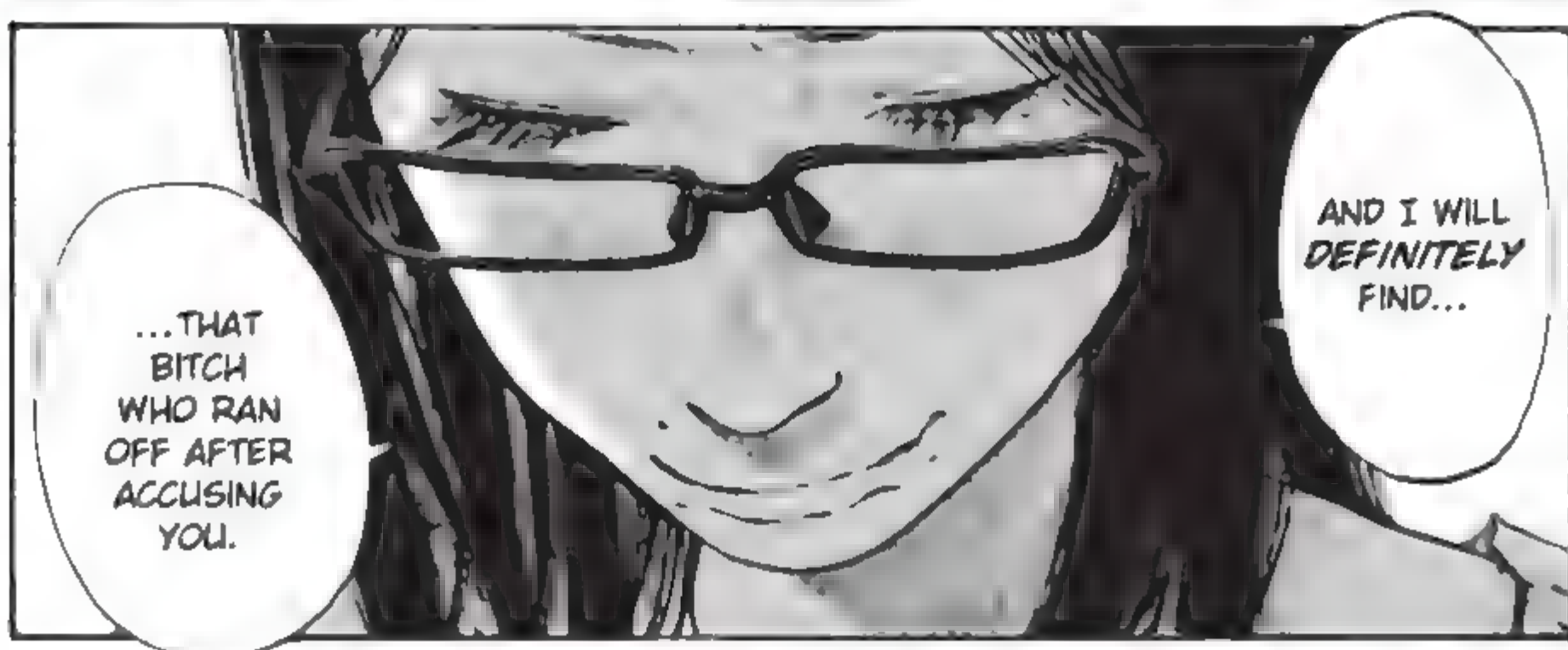




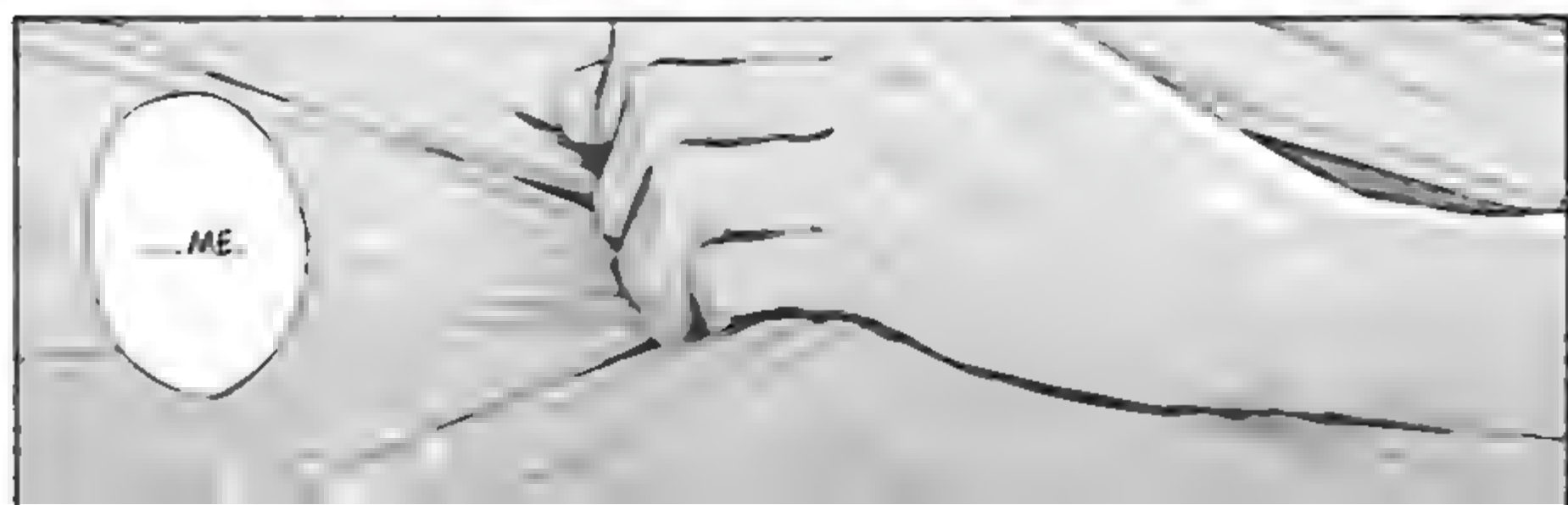
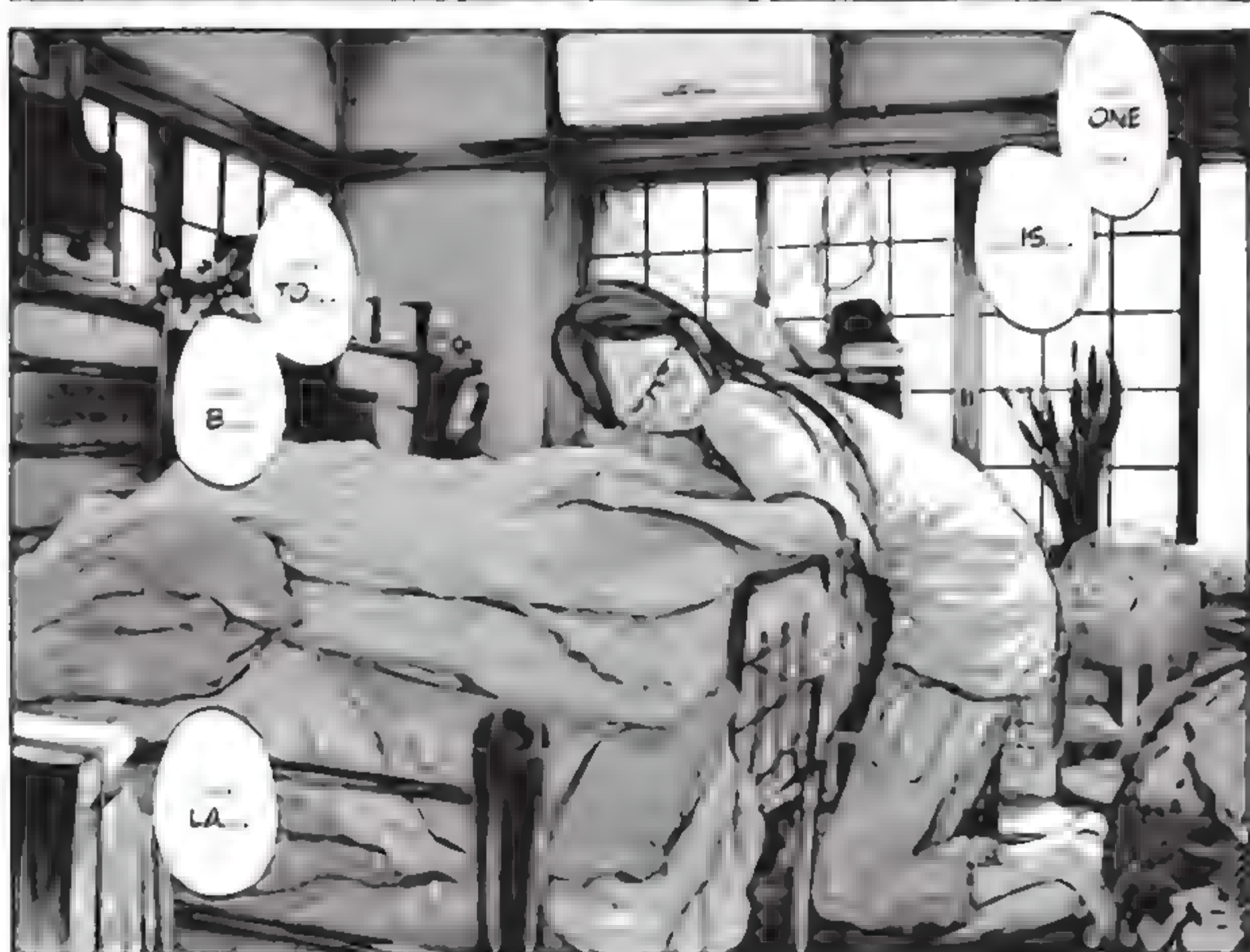
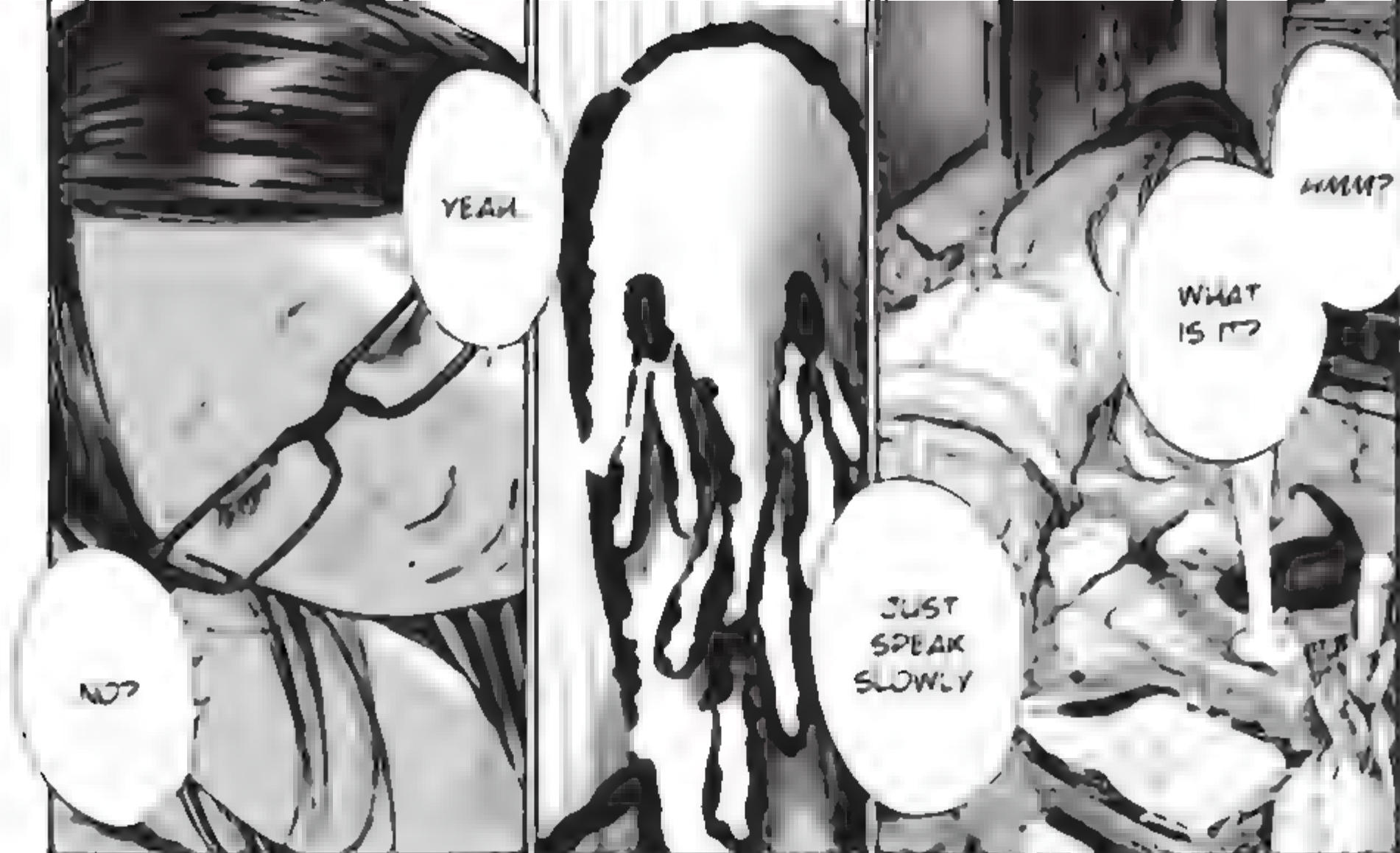




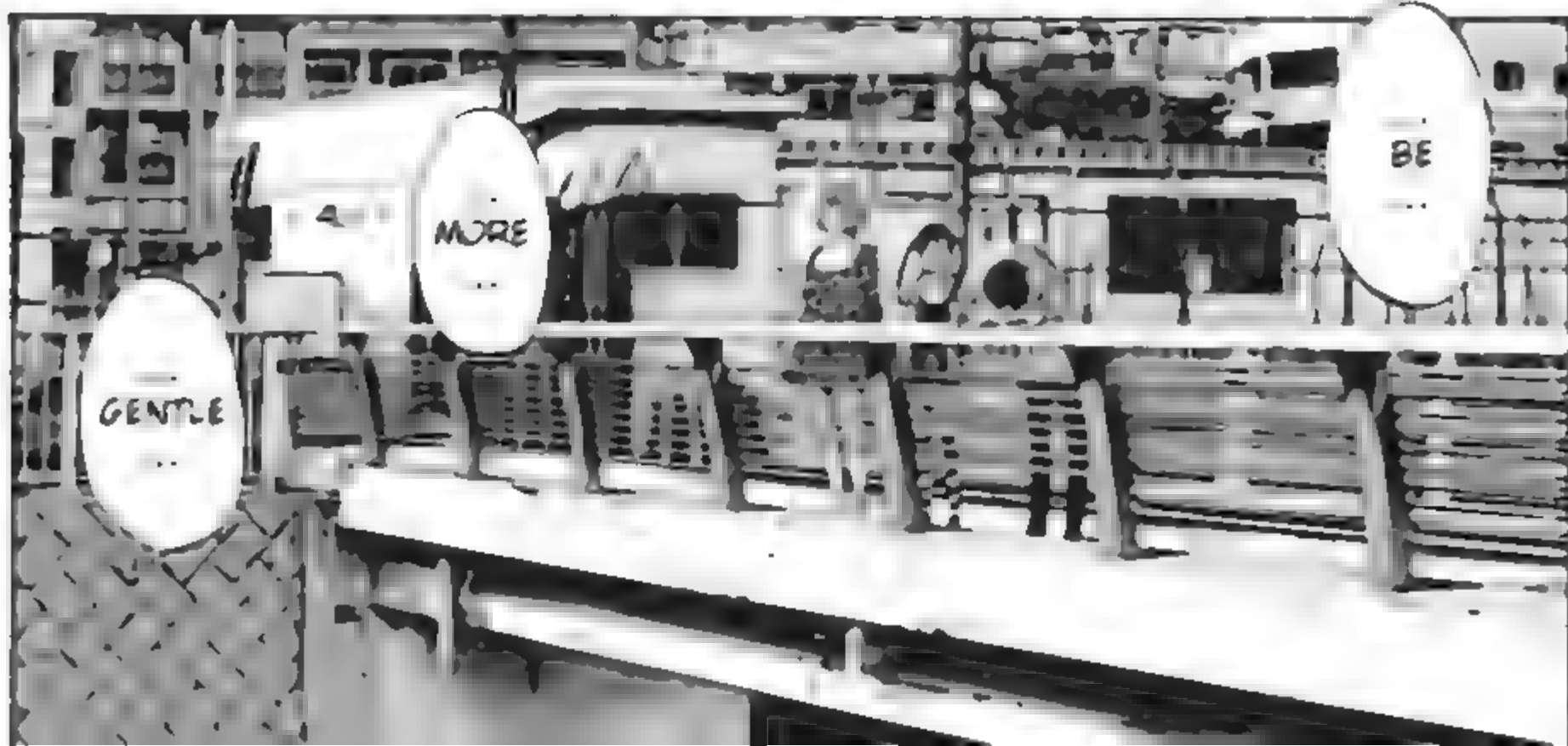




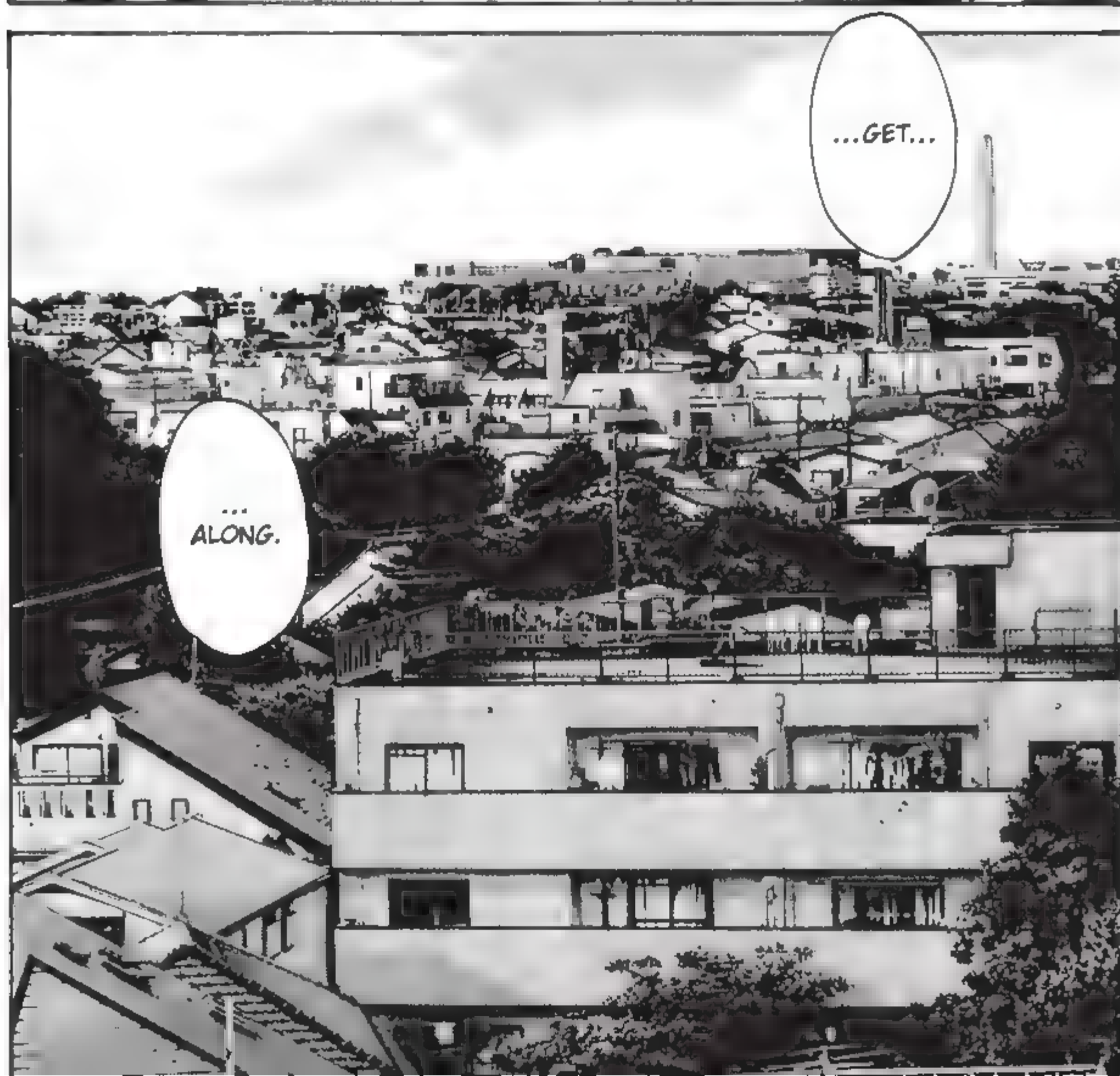
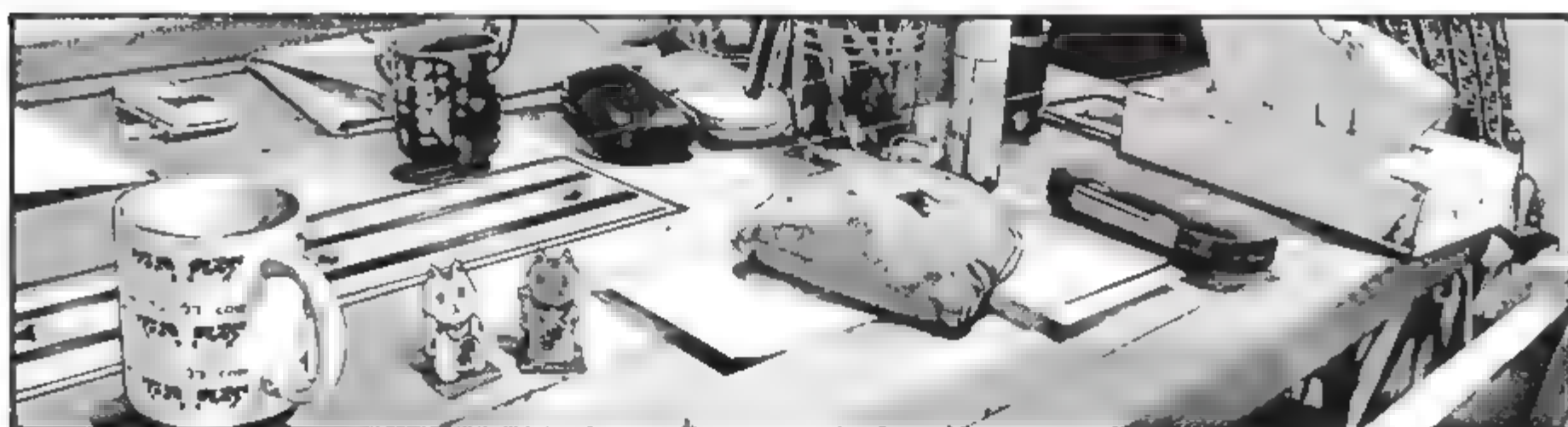
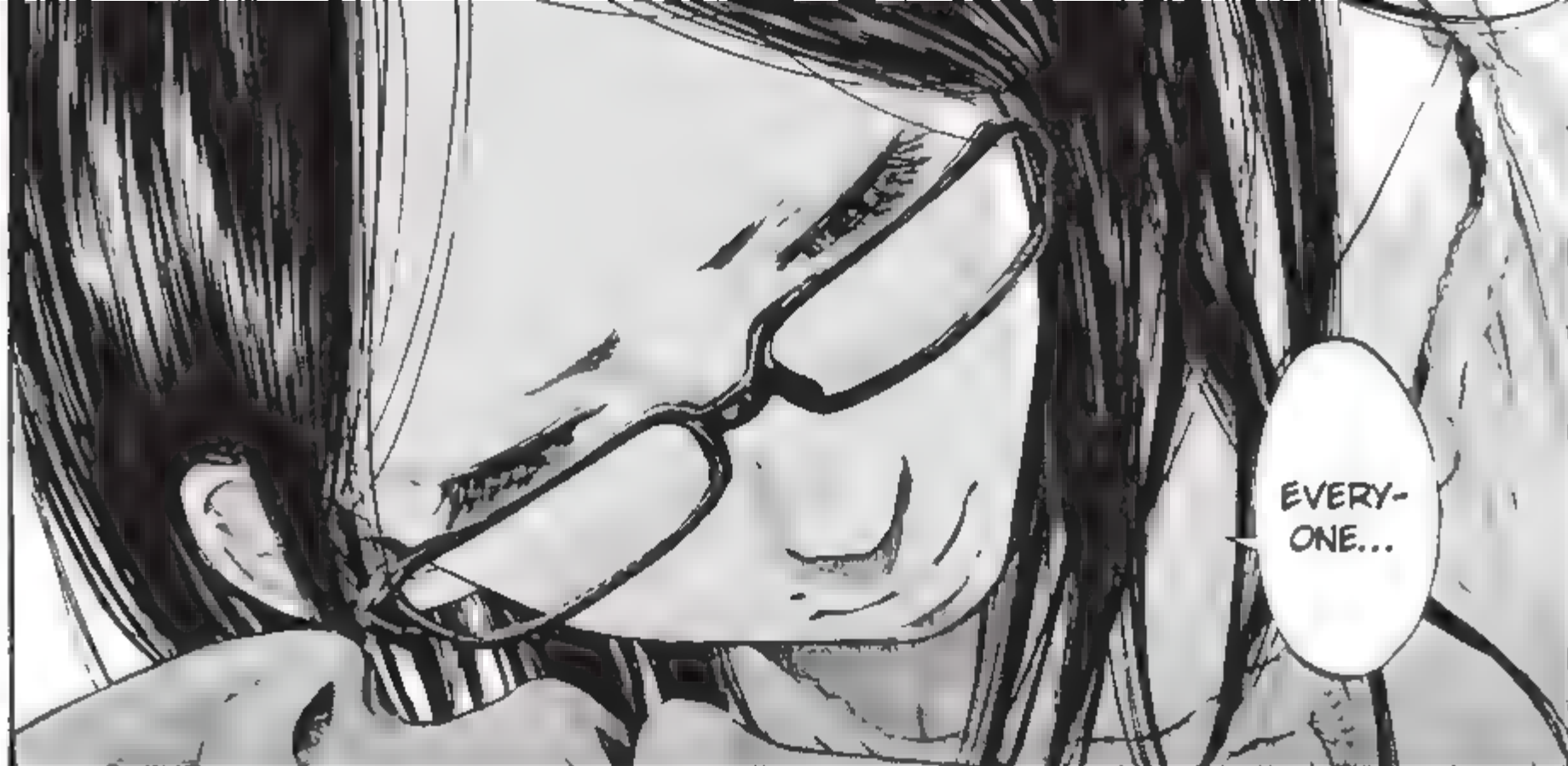




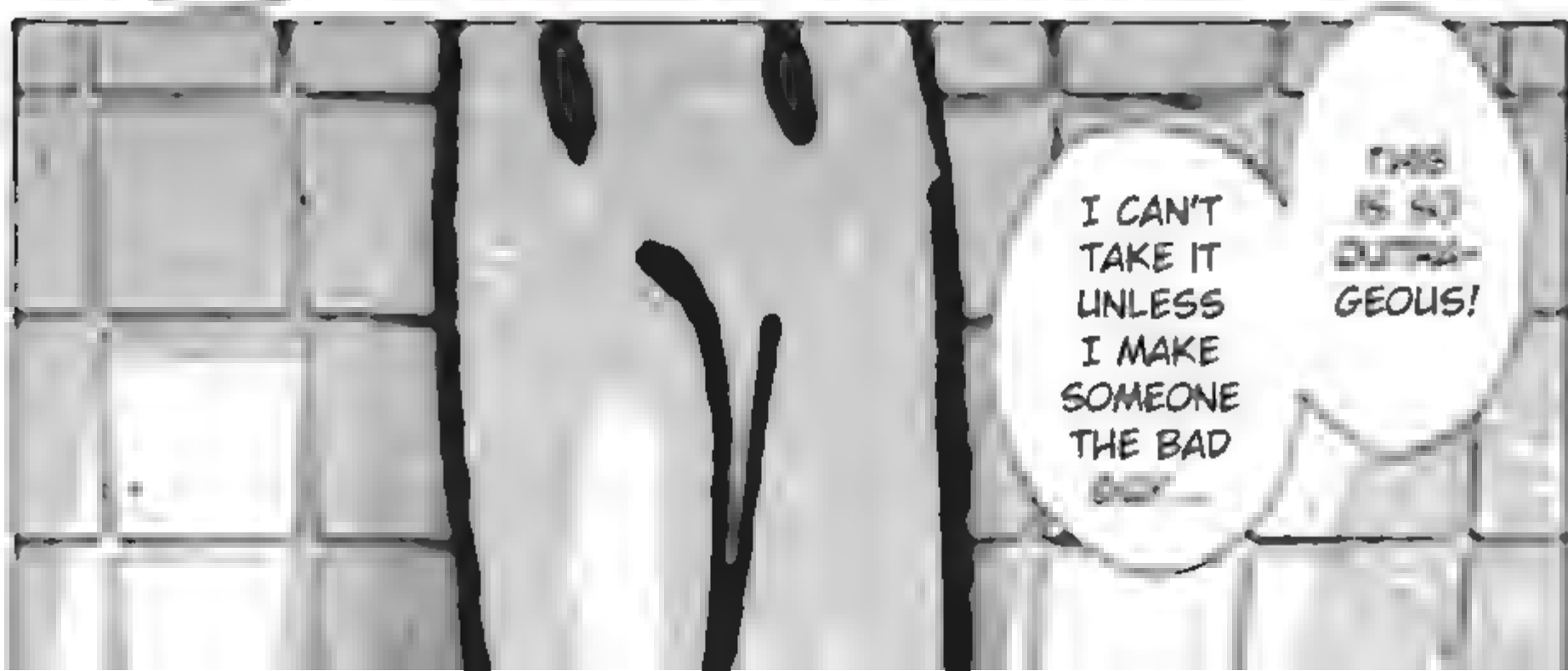












THIS  
IS SO  
OUTRA-  
GEIOUS!

I CAN'T  
TAKE IT  
UNLESS  
I MAKE  
SOMEONE  
THE BAD  
GUY



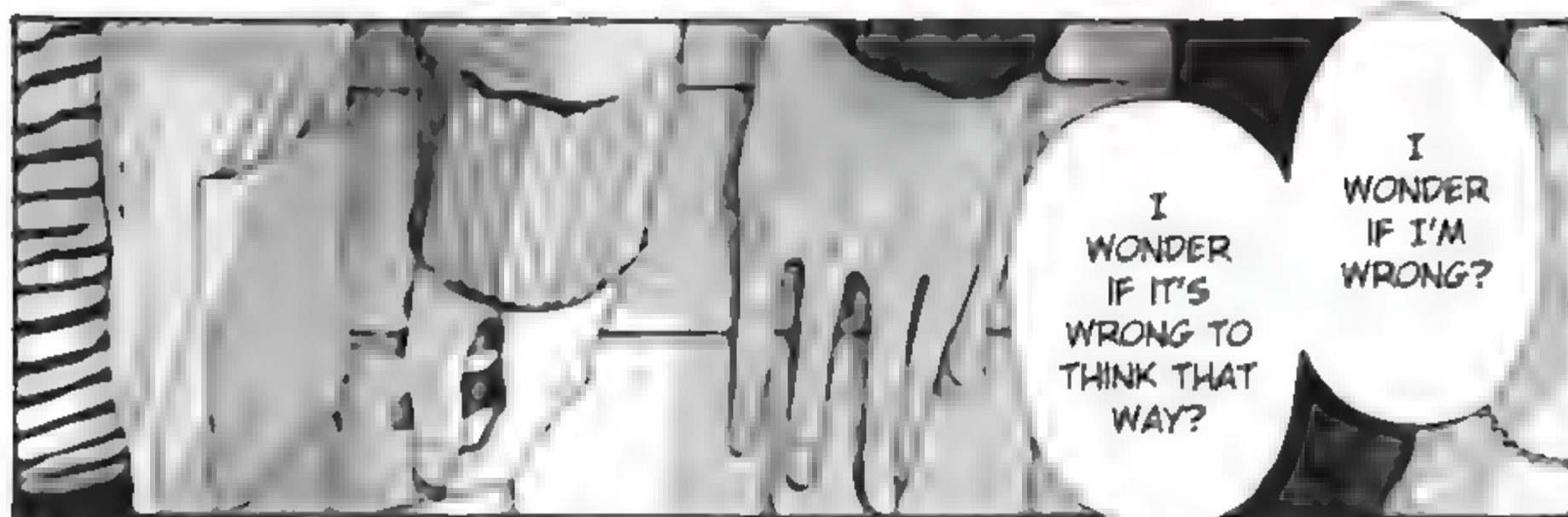


GARBAGE  
IS GARBAGE  
FOREVER...

NO  
MATTER  
HOW  
GENEROUS  
ONE IS

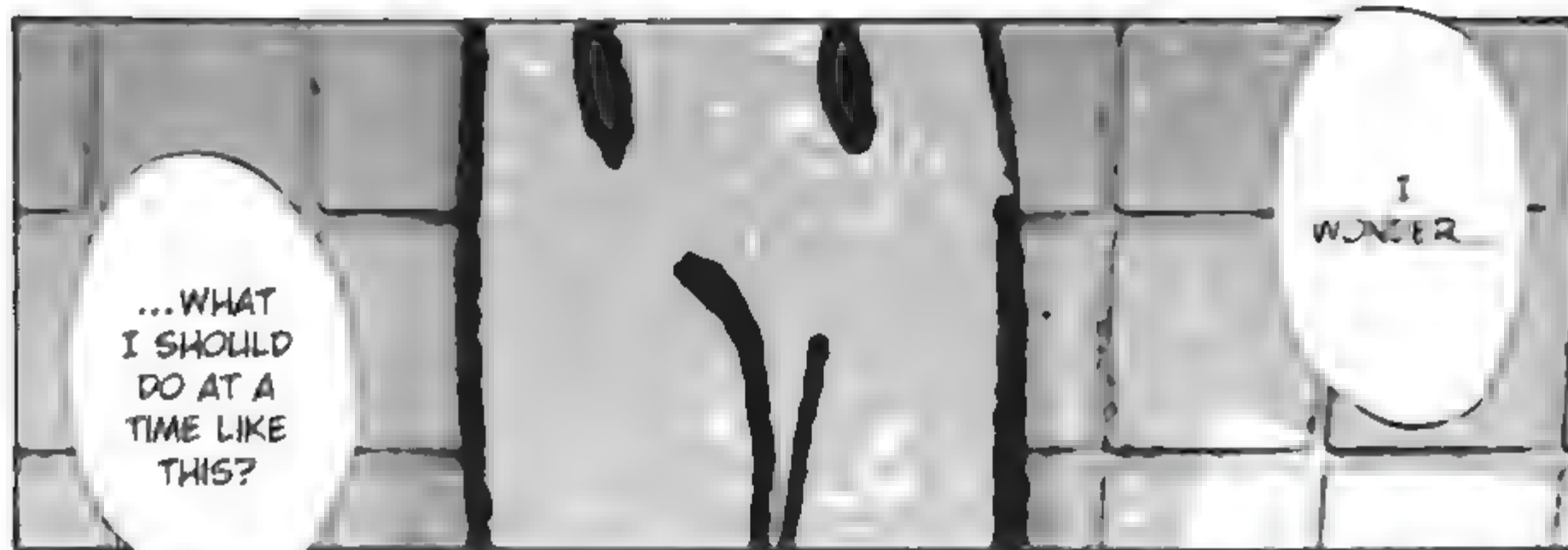
THERE  
ARE LOADS  
OF PEOPLE  
I WOULD BE  
OKAY WITH  
DYING.

AN  
IDiot IS  
AN IDiot  
FOR  
LIFE



I  
WONDER  
IF IT'S  
WRONG TO  
THINK THAT  
WAY?

I  
WONDER  
IF I'M  
WRONG?

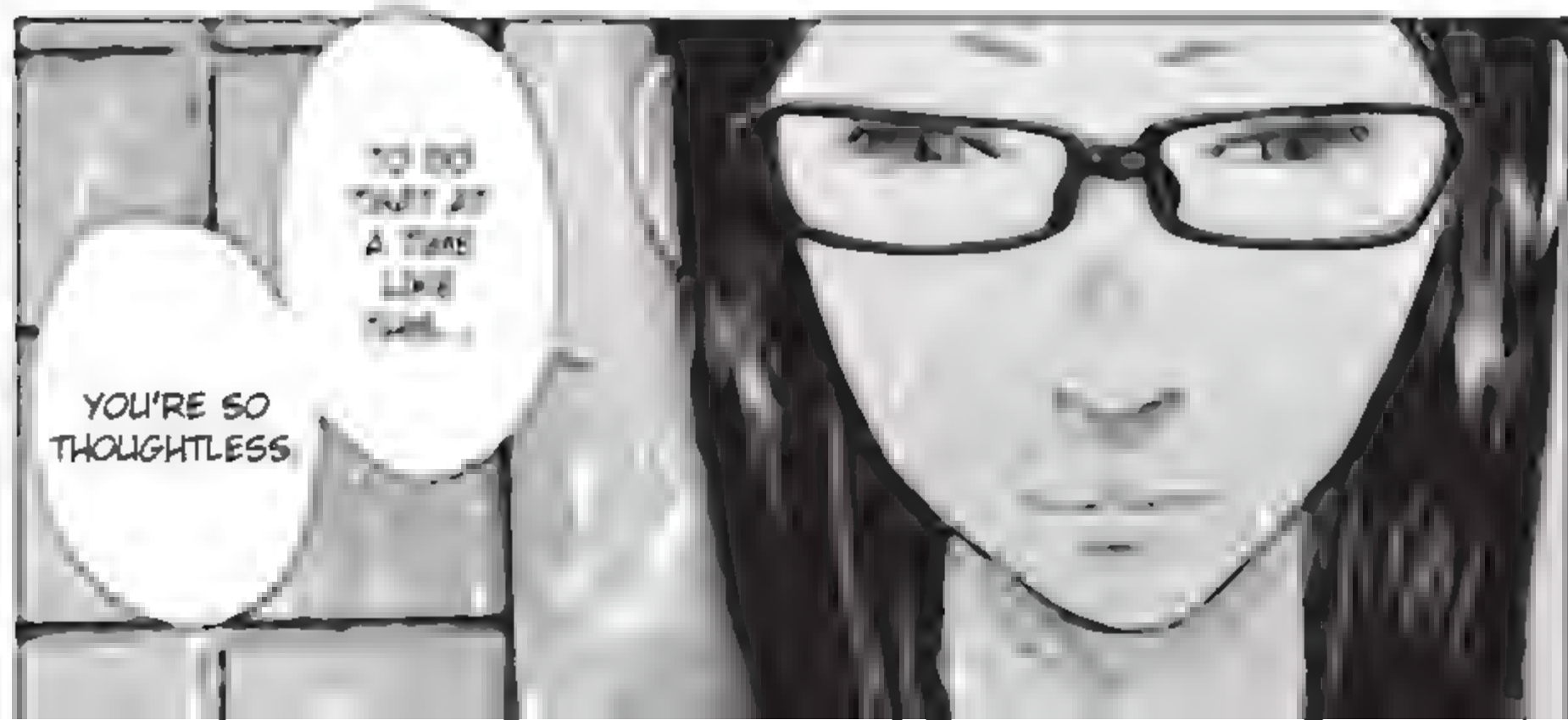


...WHAT  
I SHOULD  
DO AT A  
TIME LIKE  
THIS?

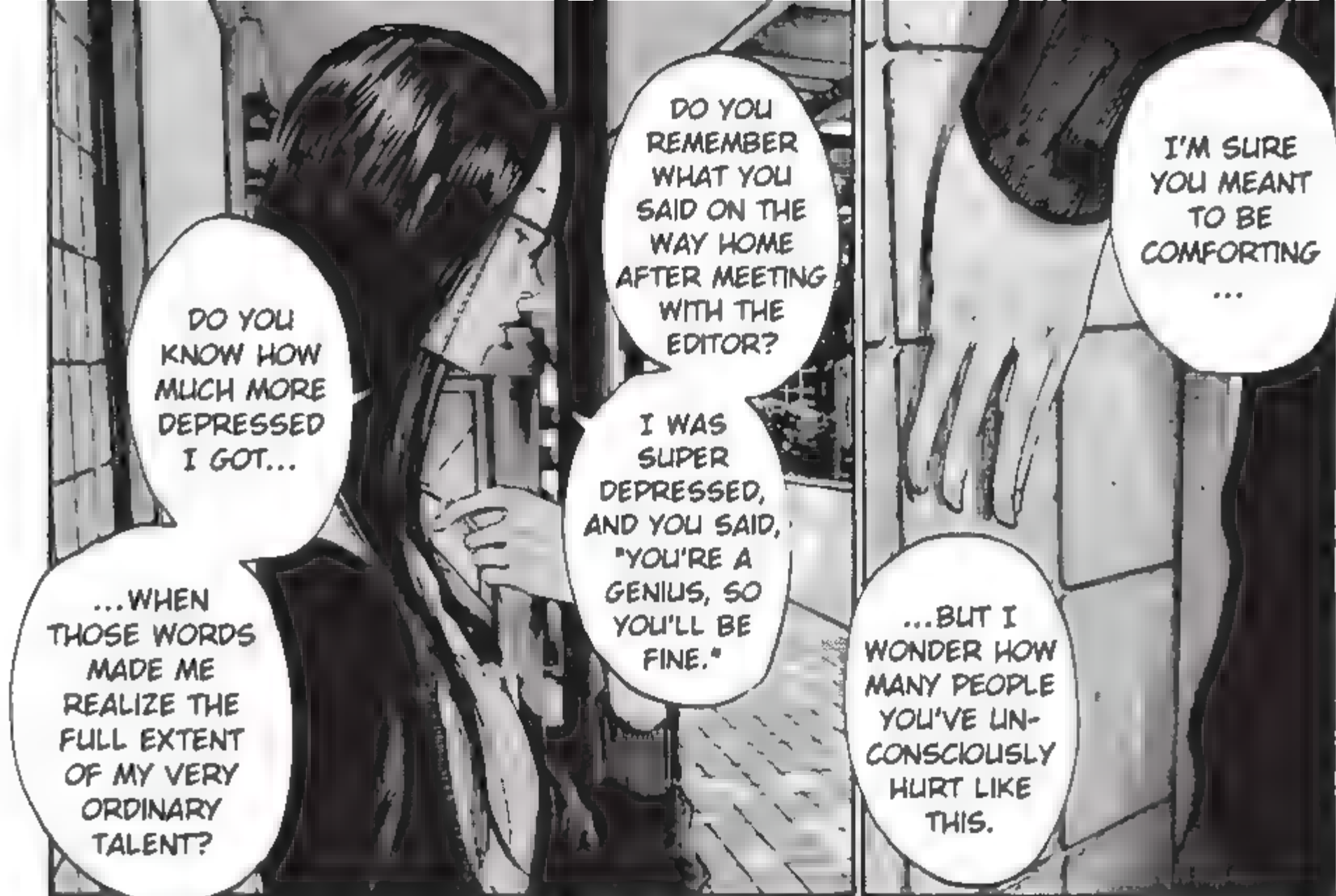
I  
WONDER











DO YOU  
KNOW HOW  
MUCH MORE  
DEPRESSED  
I GOT...

DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
WHAT YOU  
SAID ON THE  
WAY HOME  
AFTER MEETING  
WITH THE  
EDITOR?

I WAS  
SUPER  
DEPRESSED,  
AND YOU SAID,  
"YOU'RE A  
GENIUS, SO  
YOU'LL BE  
FINE."

I'M SURE  
YOU MEANT  
TO BE  
COMFORTING  
...

...WHEN  
THOSE WORDS  
MADE ME  
REALIZE THE  
FULL EXTENT  
OF MY VERY  
ORDINARY  
TALENT?

...BUT I  
WONDER HOW  
MANY PEOPLE  
YOU'VE UN-  
CONSCIOUSLY  
HURT LIKE  
THIS.



YOU  
REALLY  
ARE AN  
IDIOT.

I WANT  
YOU TO  
APOLOGIZE.





GEEZ!

"Sorry."

I'M...

...JUST  
TAKING IT  
OUT ON  
YOU.

WHY  
DO YOU  
APOLOGIZE  
SO EASILY?

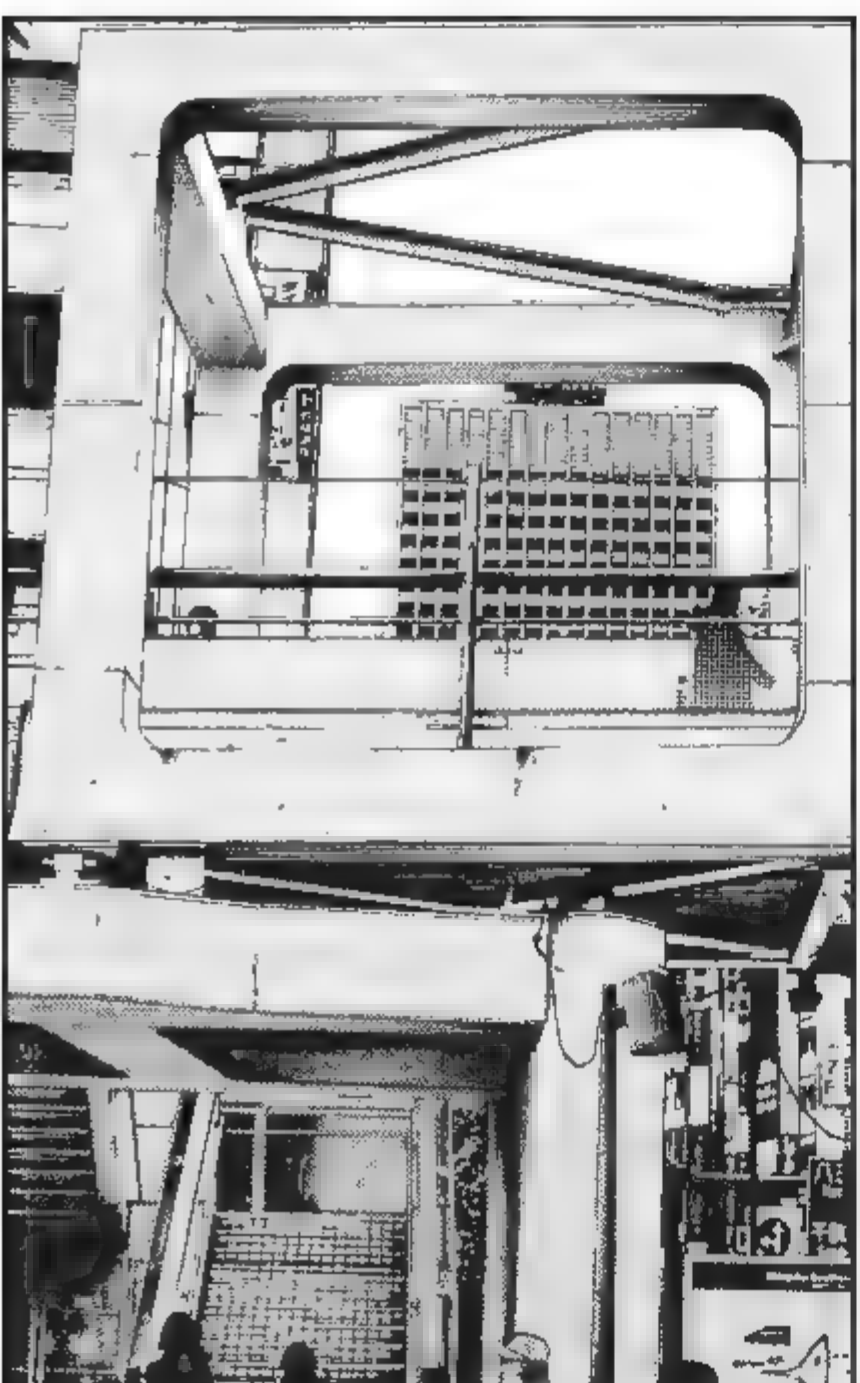
HOW AM  
I GOING  
TO WRITE A  
MANGA...

...WHEN I  
CAN'T EVEN  
SAVE ONE  
PERSON?  
IDIOT!

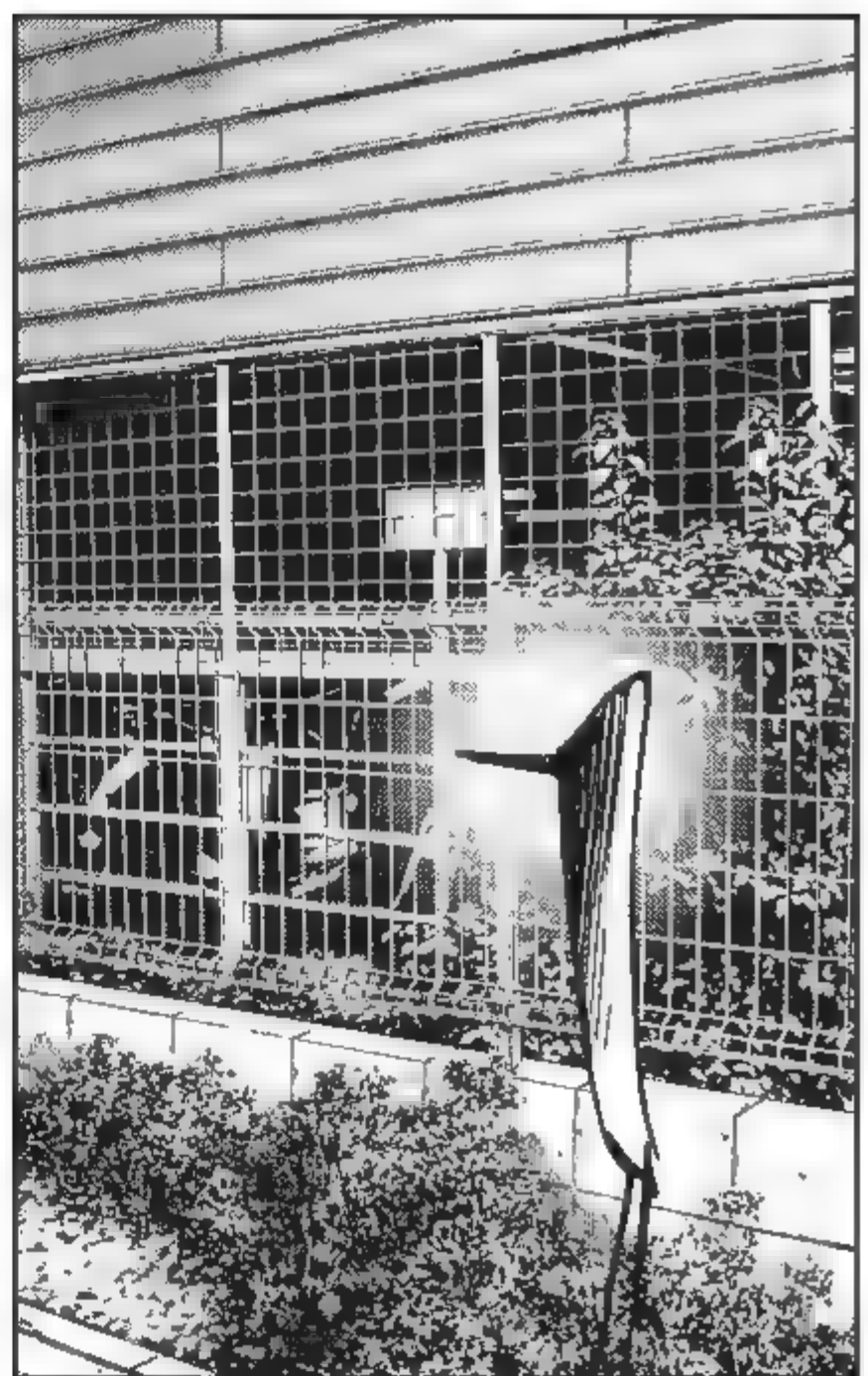
SORRY  
...

I'M  
REALLY  
SORRY  
FOR  
BEING  
LIKE  
THIS.

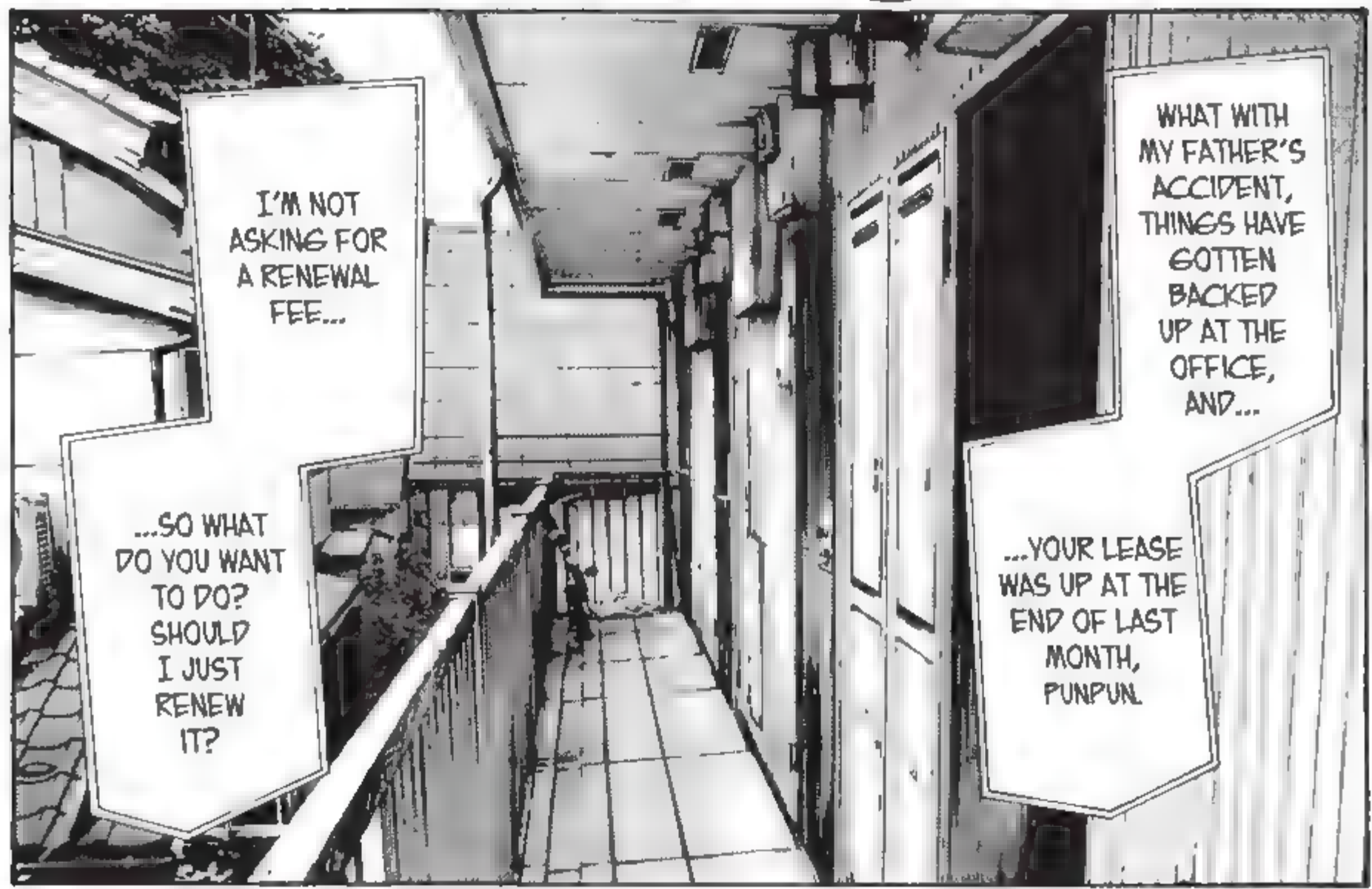
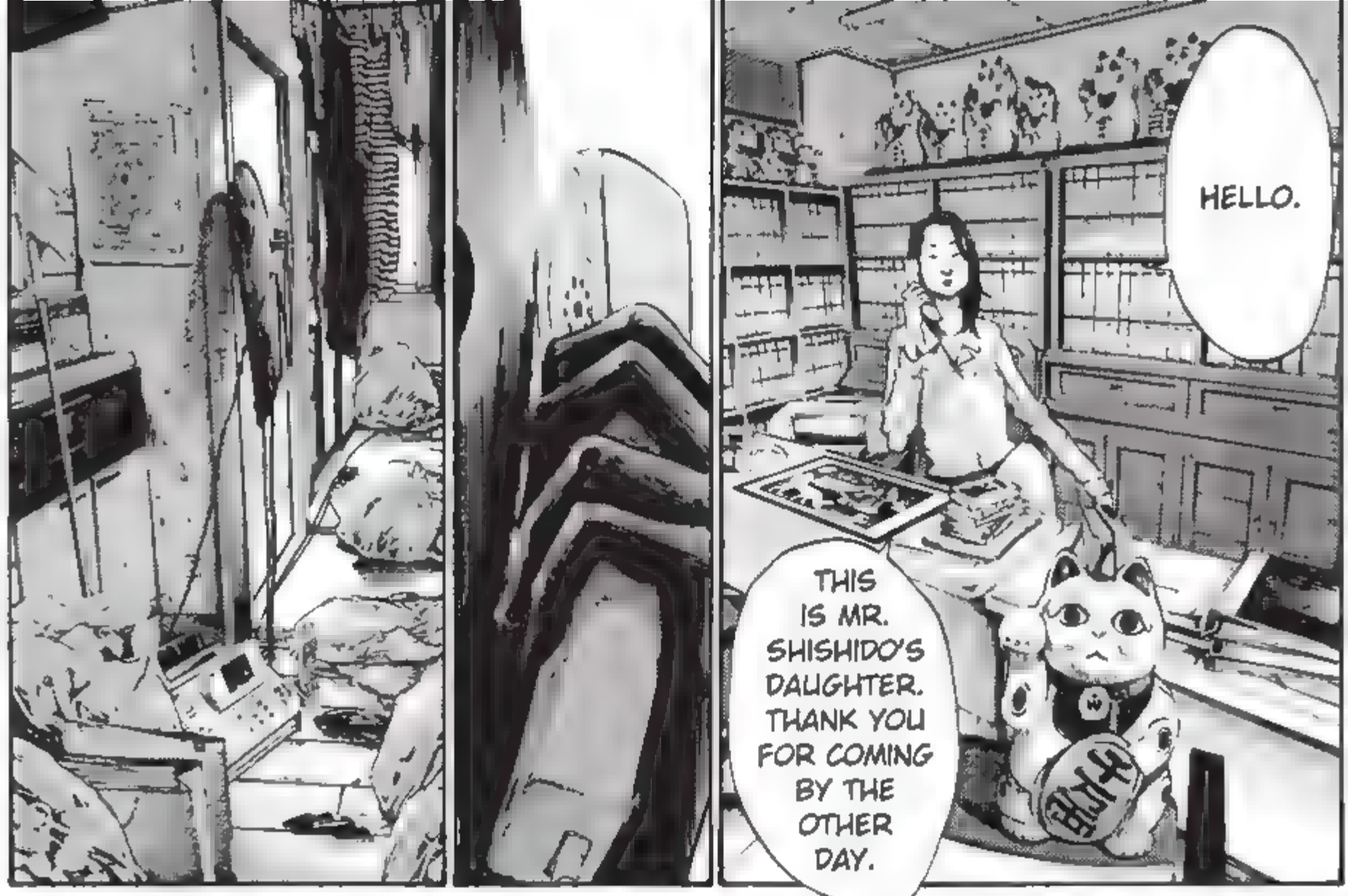












...if  
nothing  
had  
changed...

...that after  
the two-year  
term of his  
lease was  
up...

Punpun  
hadn't  
forgotten...





That  
was  
his  
plan.

...he  
would  
kill  
himself.





...if he had  
changed in  
the last two  
years.

Punpun  
wondered...



IT'S NOT  
NICE TO  
FORCE  
HIM TO  
COME...

PUNPUN  
SAYS  
HE HAS  
TROUBLE  
TALKING TO  
PEOPLE.

...ARE YOU  
REALLY NOT  
COMING TO  
THE PARTY  
NEXT WEEK?

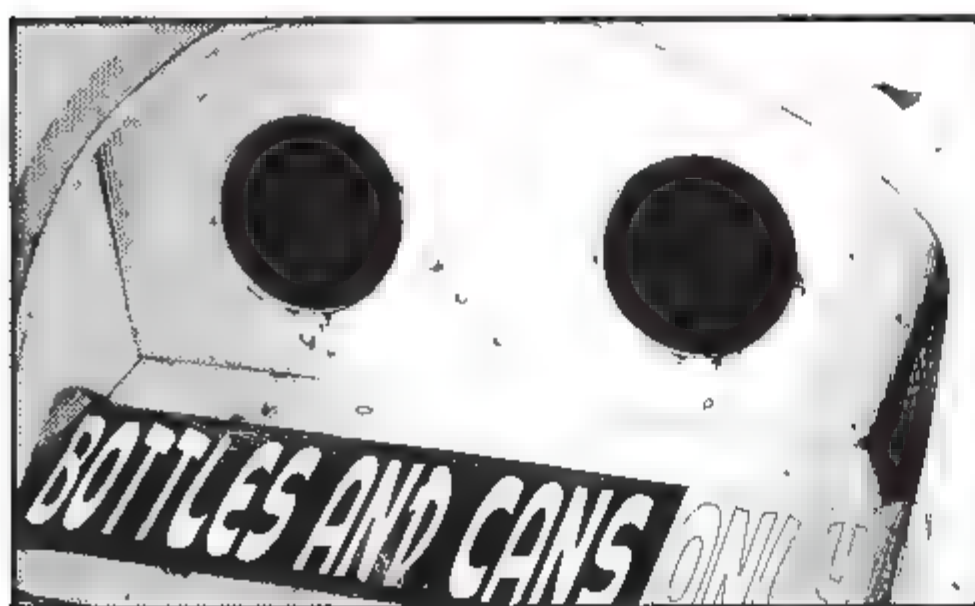
PUNPUN  
...



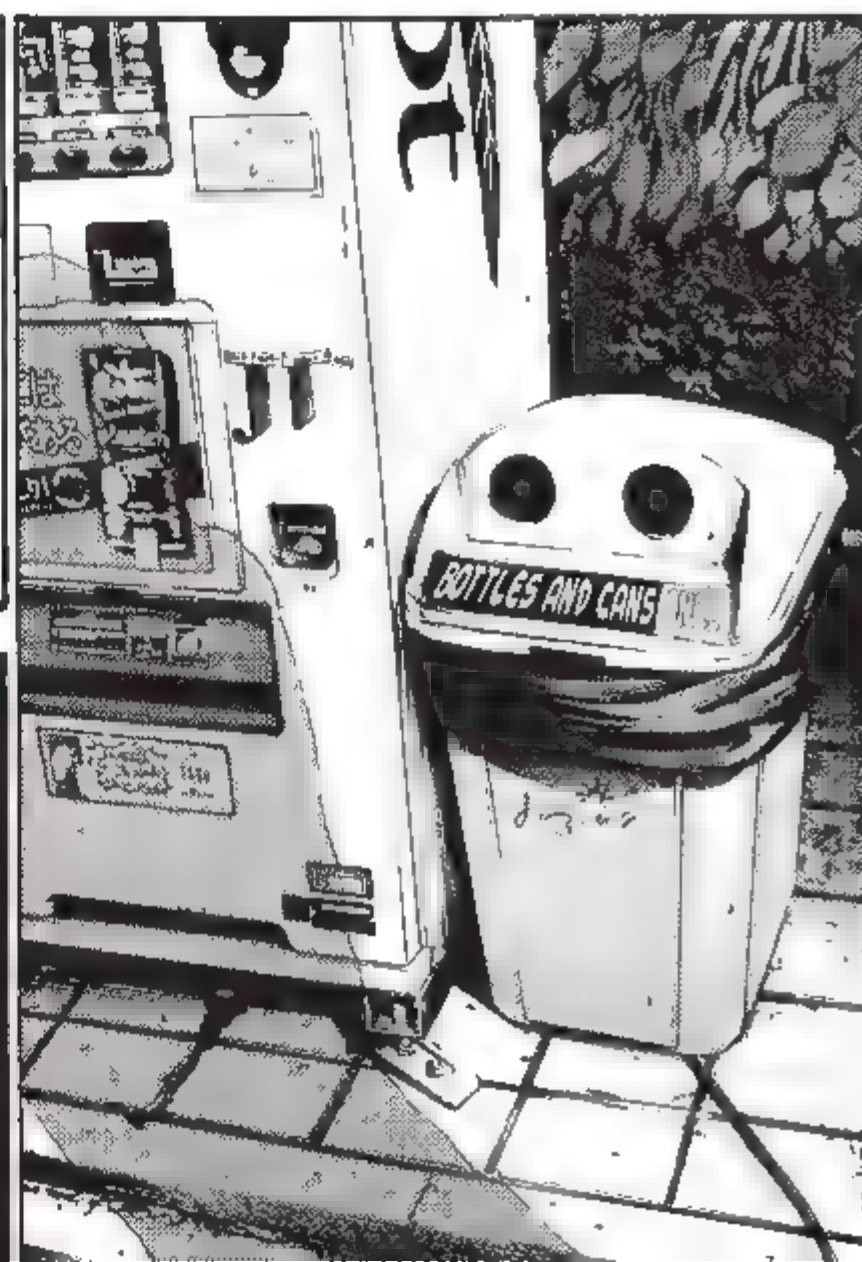


...but  
he'd still  
ended  
up  
where  
he'd  
started.

He  
had  
taken  
a little  
detour,  
yes...



He'd  
ended  
up  
where  
he'd  
started!







...since  
he'd spent  
some time  
in the  
light.

Well,  
actually...



this  
hole now  
seemed  
deeper and  
darker...

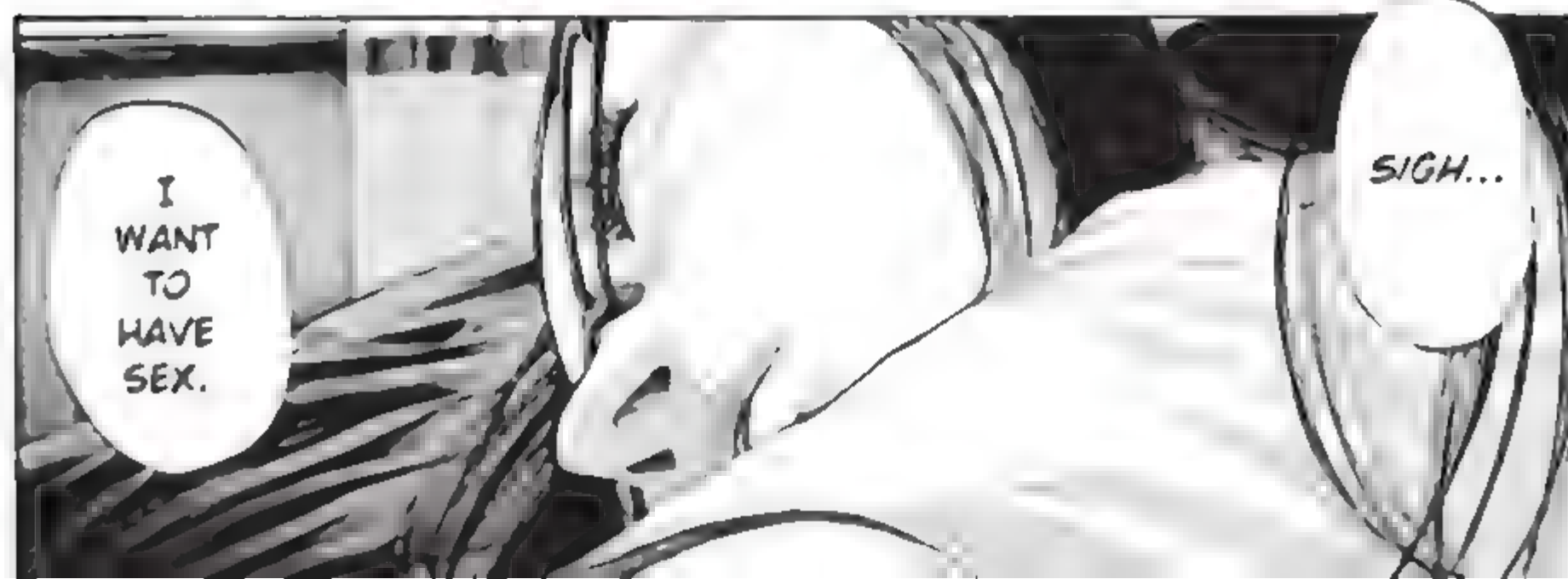
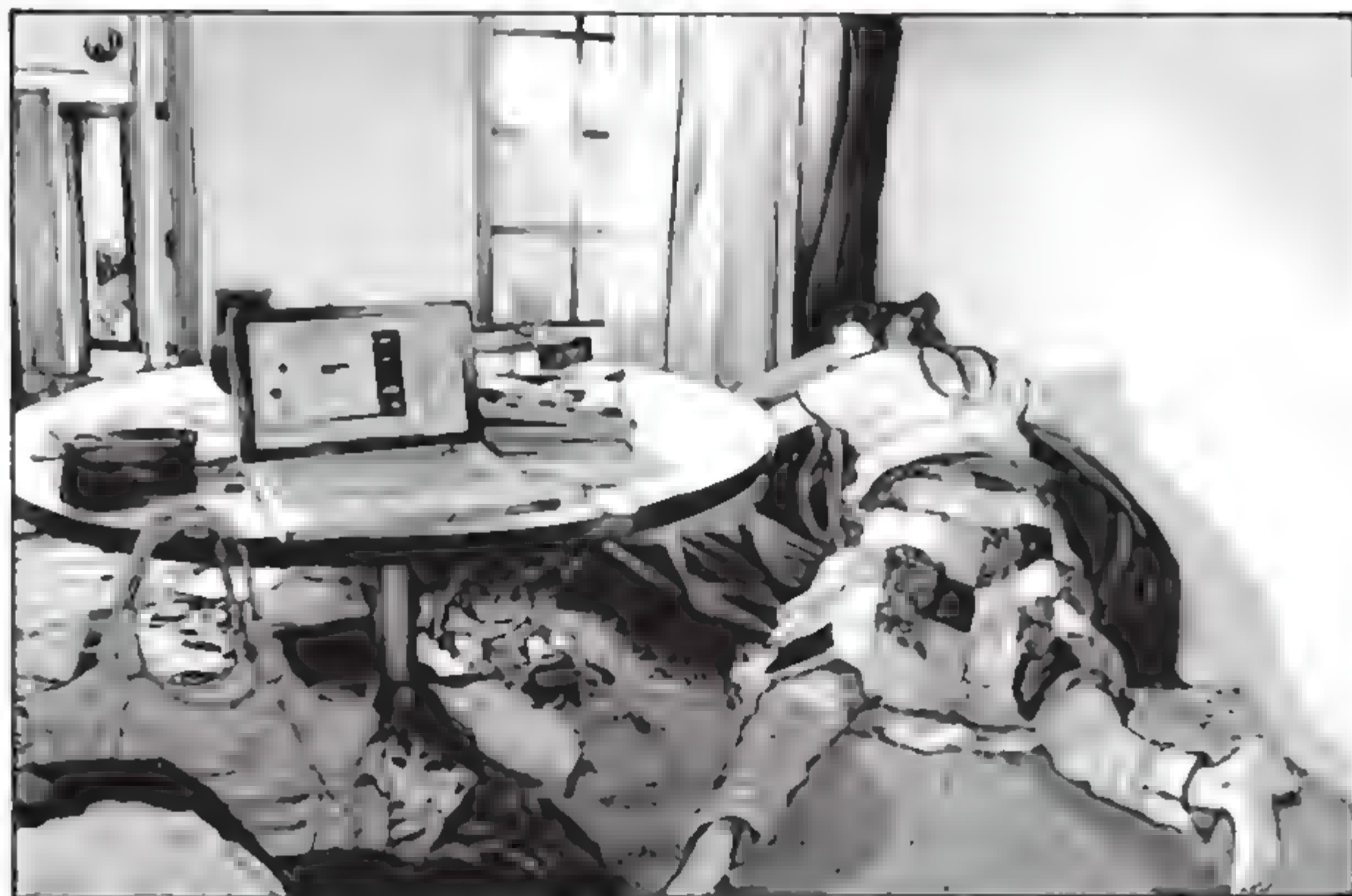








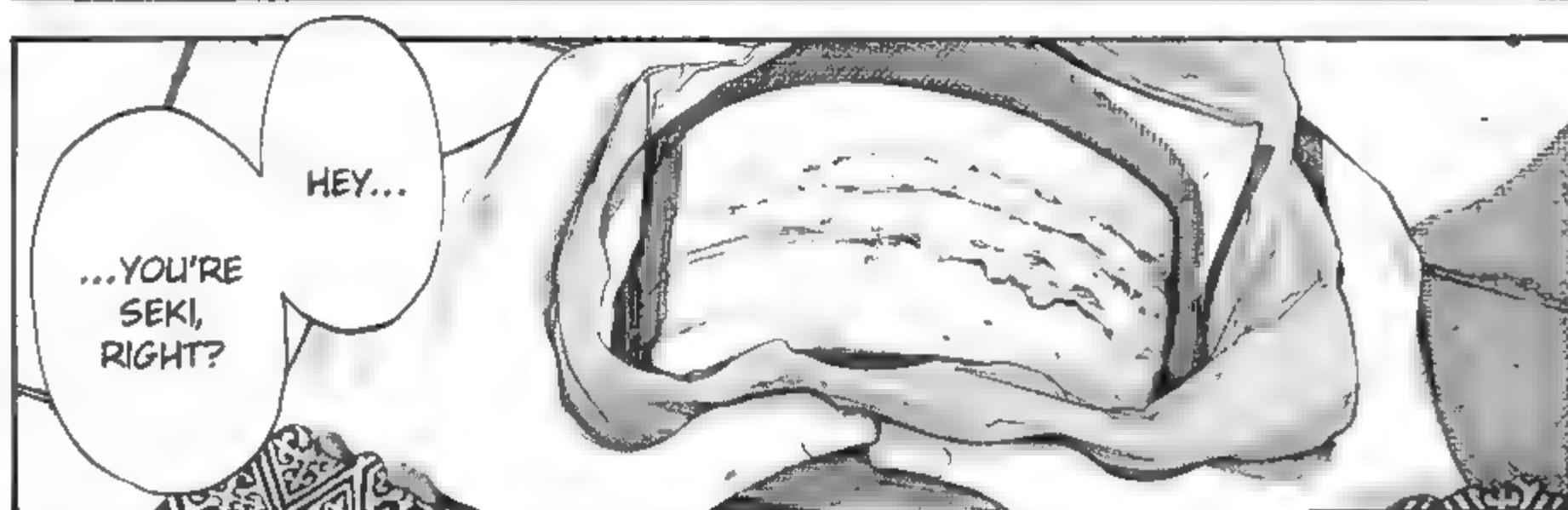
URRR!



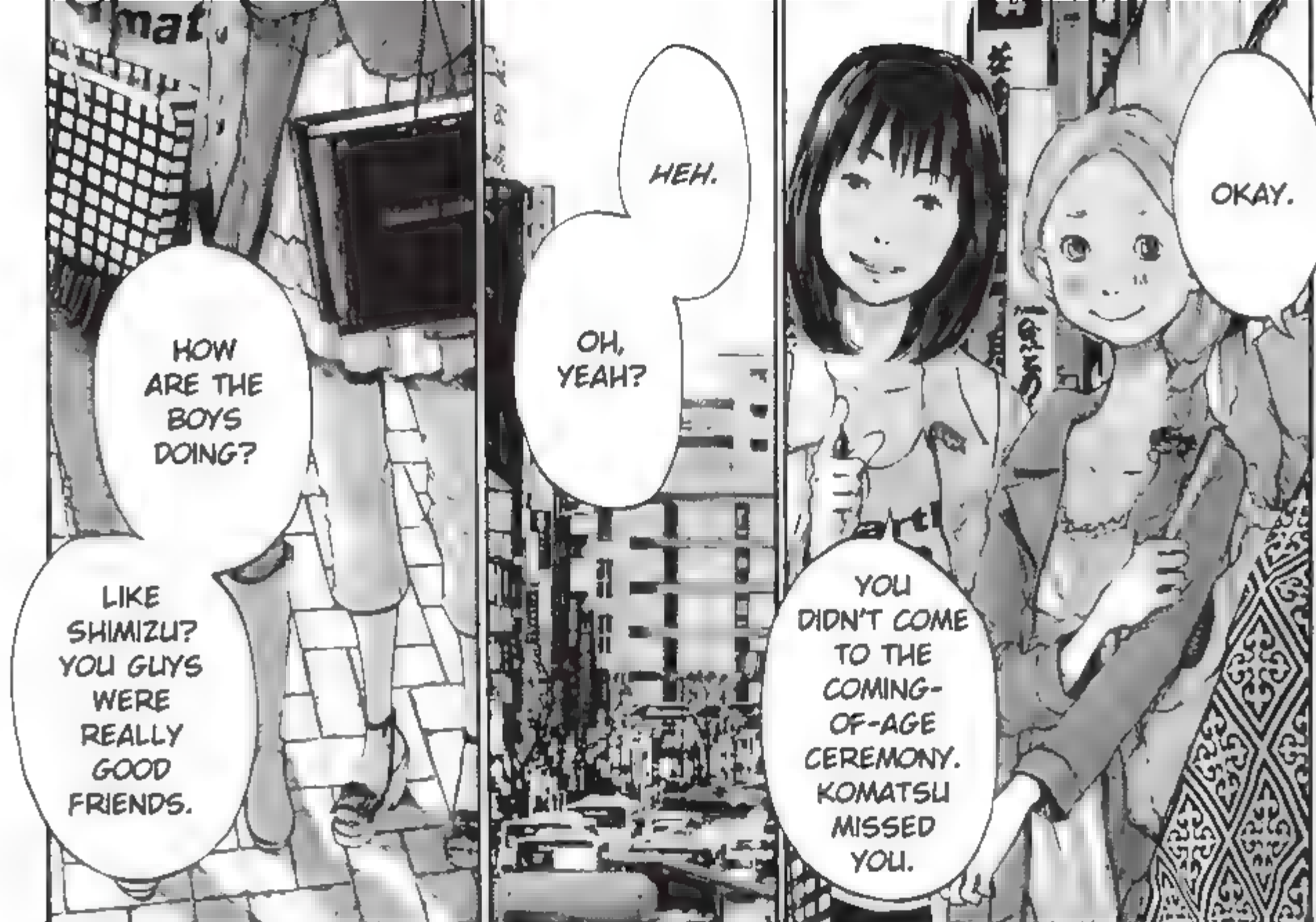
I  
WANT  
TO  
HAVE  
SEX.

SIGH...



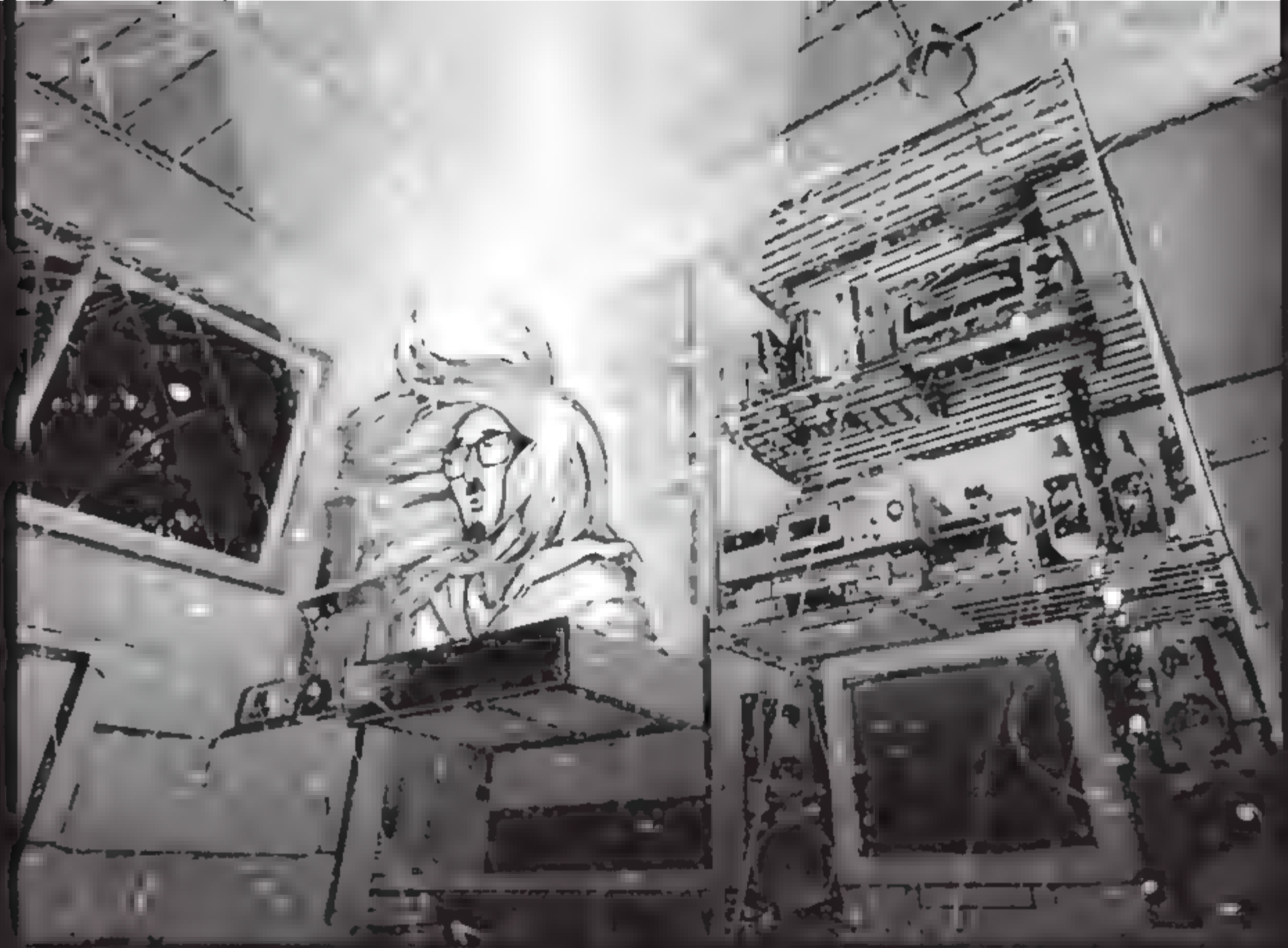




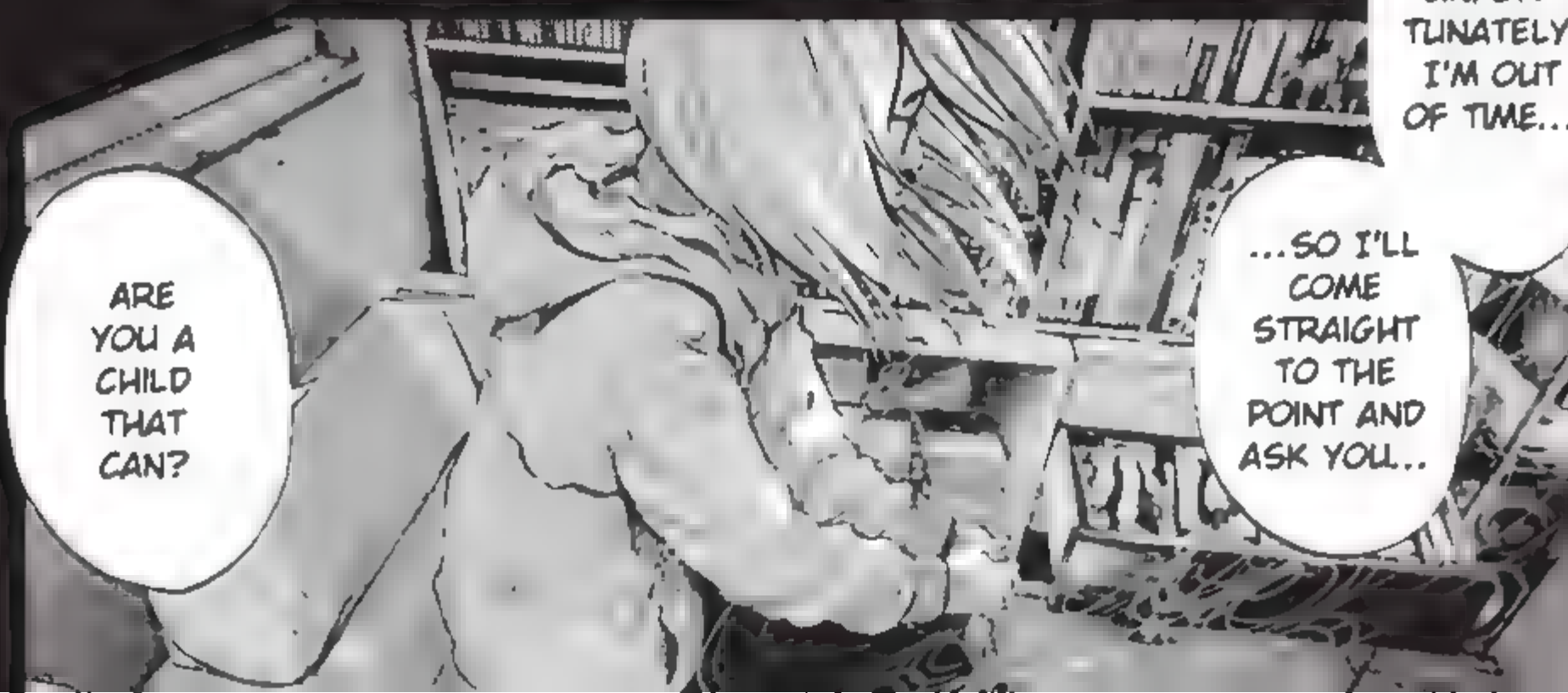
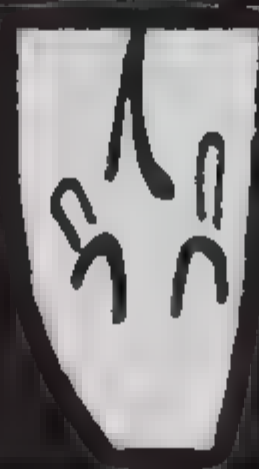


Punpun  
then had  
a very  
strange  
dream.





HO!



ARE  
YOU A  
CHILD  
THAT  
CAN?

UNFOR-  
TUNATELY,  
I'M OUT  
OF TIME...

...SO I'LL  
COME  
STRAIGHT  
TO THE  
POINT AND  
ASK YOU...



"I'm  
always  
a child  
who  
can't."

THAT'S  
TOO  
BAD...

IF  
YOU COME  
TOGETHER  
NOW, YOU CAN  
WITNESS THE  
BEGINNING  
OF A NEW  
WORLD.

OUR  
VIBRATIONS  
ARE TIED  
SHAMELESSLY  
IN A MAJOR  
SEVENTH  
RELATIONSHIP.

"I  
don't  
think  
so."

OH,  
POOR  
YOU...

BE  
CAREFUL  
OUT  
THERE.

YOU  
MUST BE  
ONE OF THE  
LOVERS LED  
ASTRAY BY  
THE BLACK  
MARK.





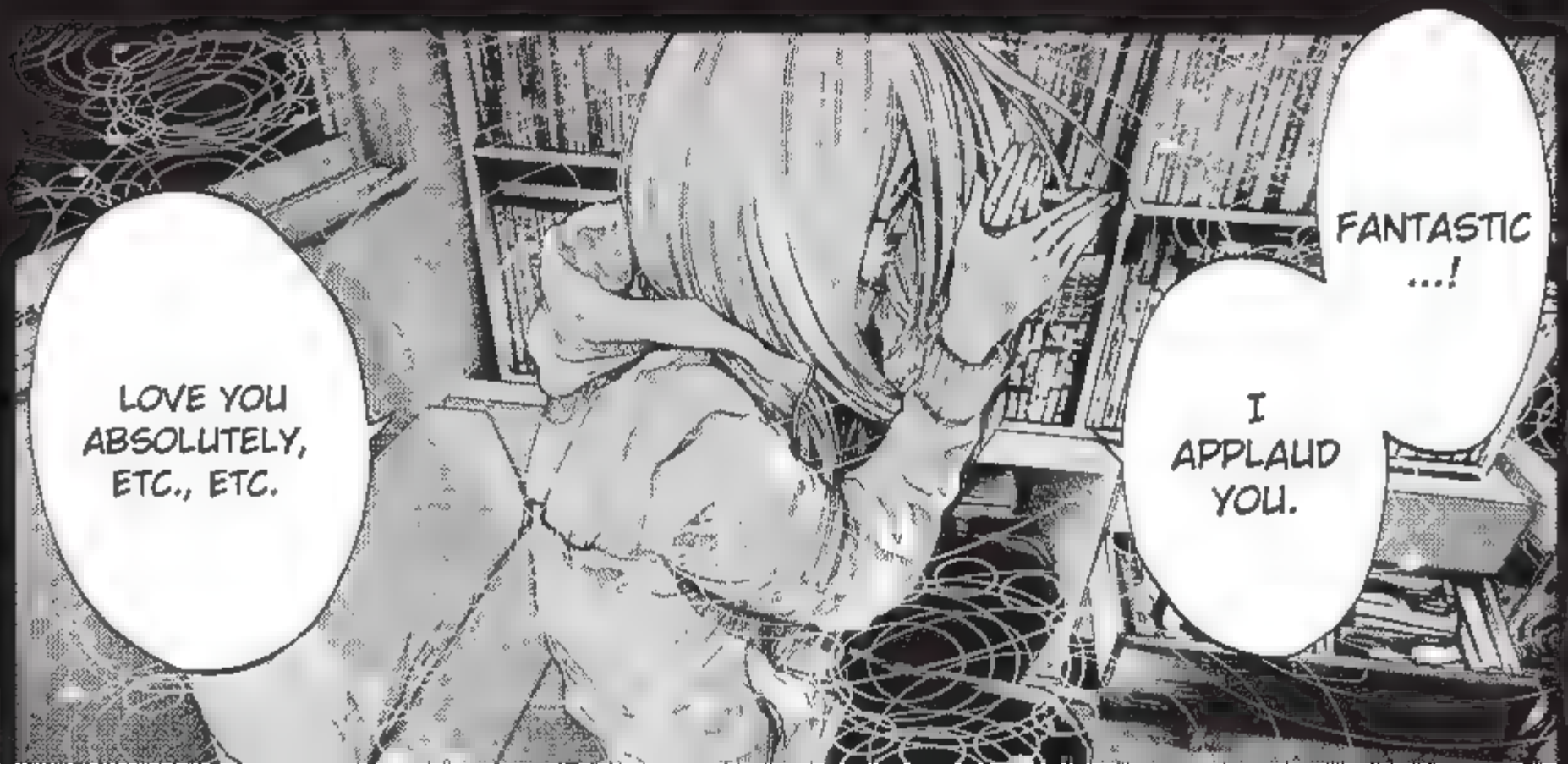
SOMETHING  
IS  
TARGETING  
YOU.

SCURRYING  
IN THE  
CORNERS  
OF THE  
ROOM...

"...please  
leave."

"What  
I mean  
is..."

"I'm sorry,  
I have to  
go to work  
tomorrow..."

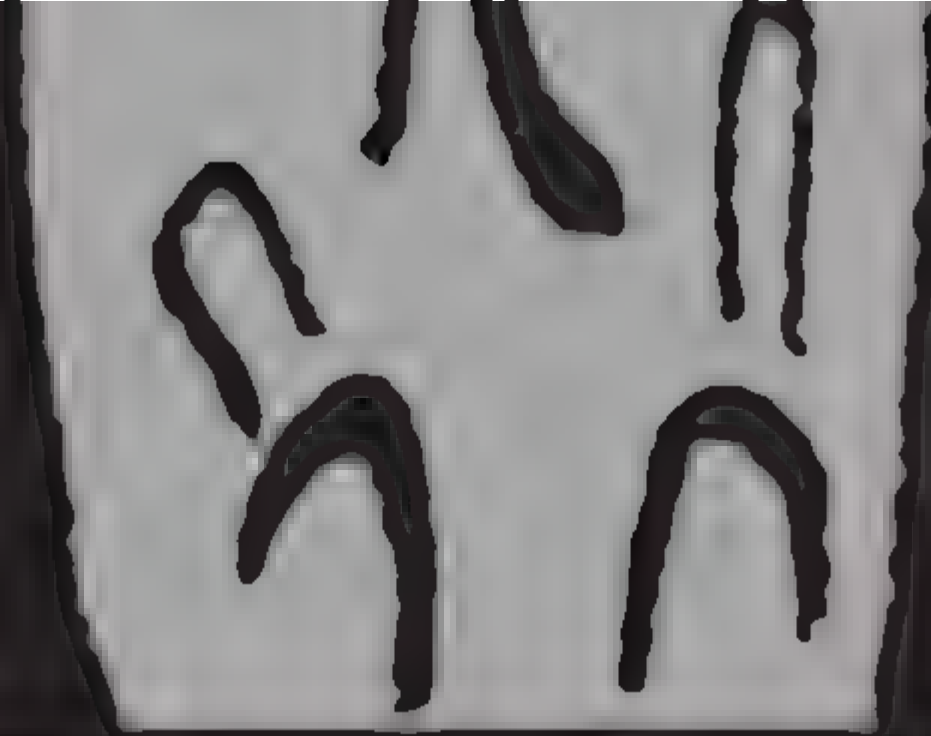


LOVE YOU  
ABSOLUTELY,  
ETC., ETC.

FANTASTIC  
...!

I  
APPLAUD  
YOU.



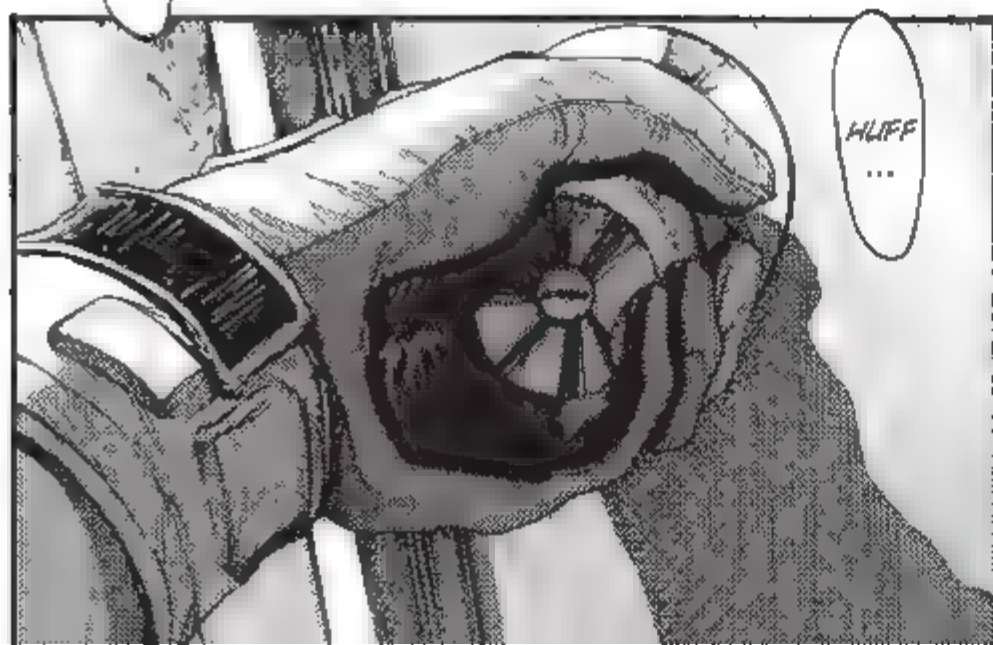


Welcome home, Puppo



Happy to be back









I  
THOUGHT  
YOU'D BE  
ARRIVING  
SOON.



YOU'RE  
FIVE  
MINUTES  
EARLY.  
WHAT AN  
EAGER  
BEAVER!

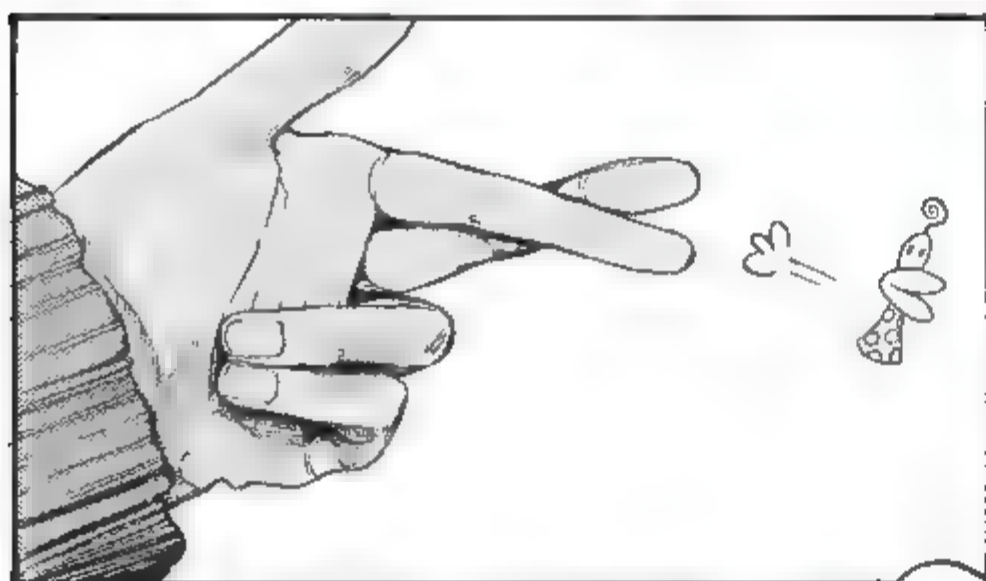
PERHAPS  
YOU'RE  
A TRUE  
TOKYOITE?



AND  
TO THAT  
PERSON...

...I SAY,  
"I LOVE  
YOU."





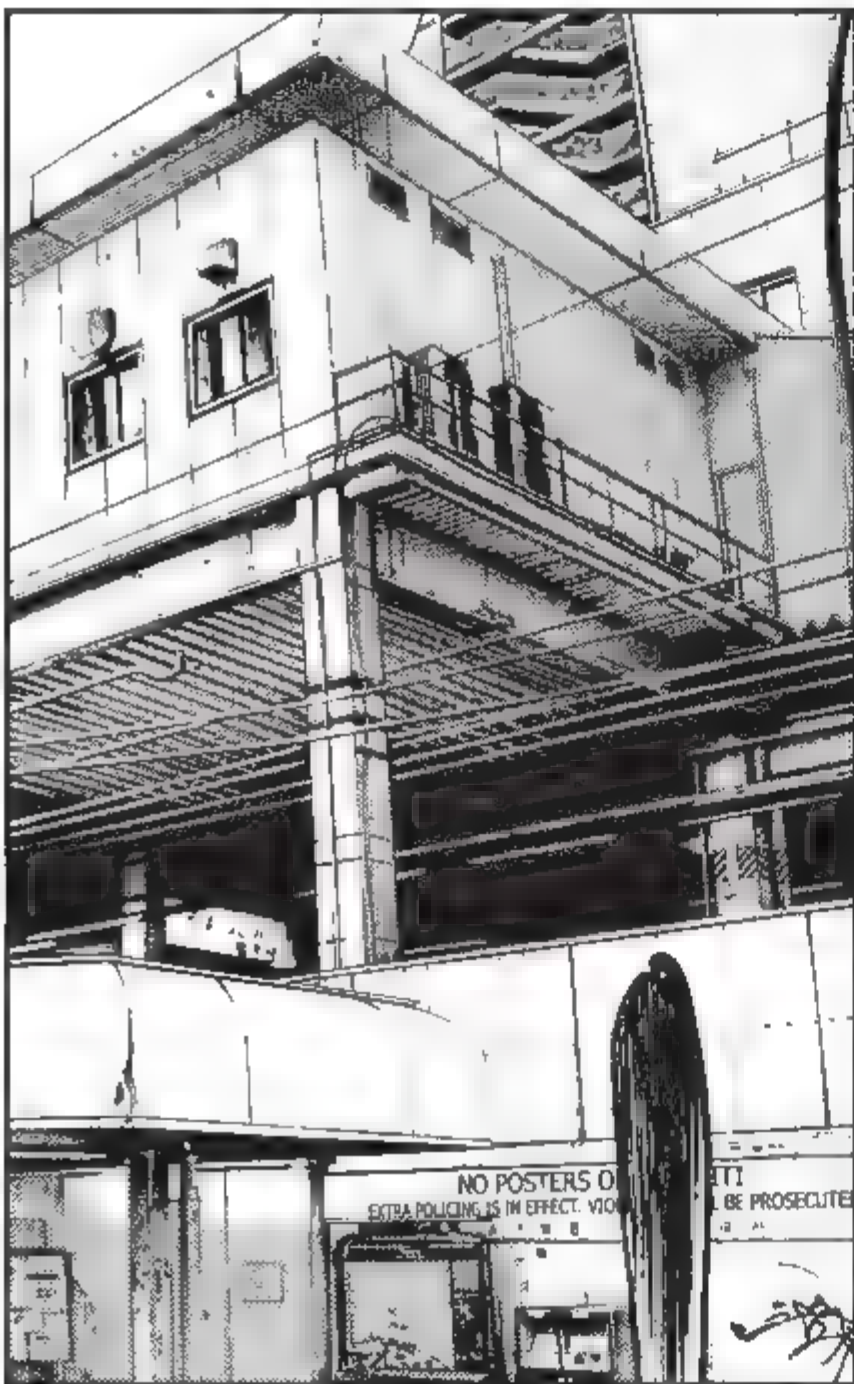










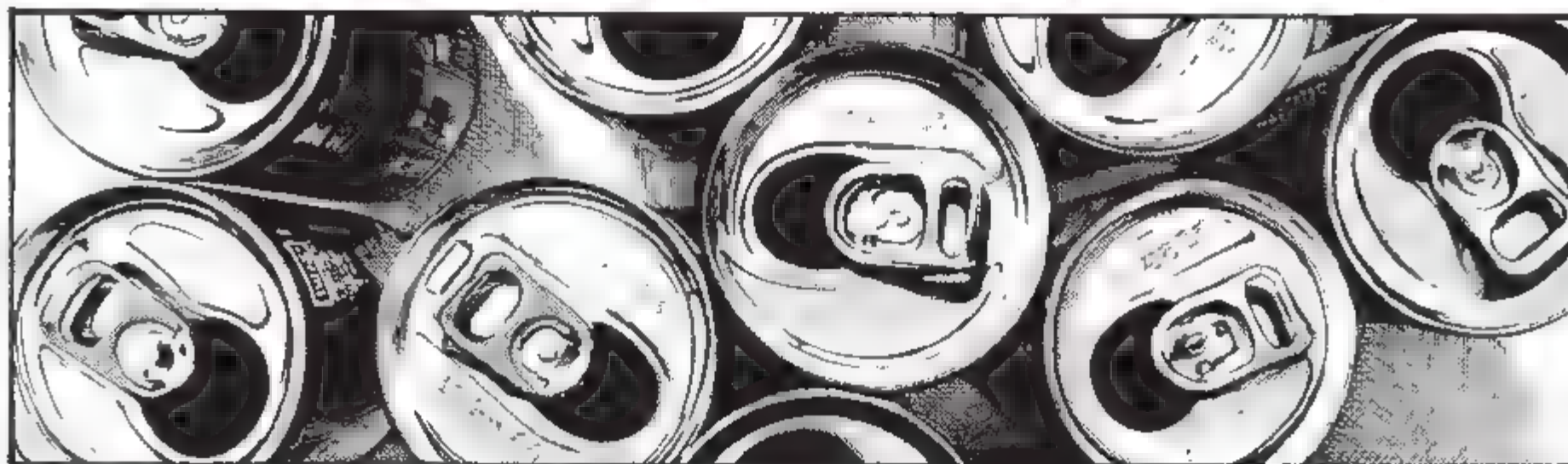




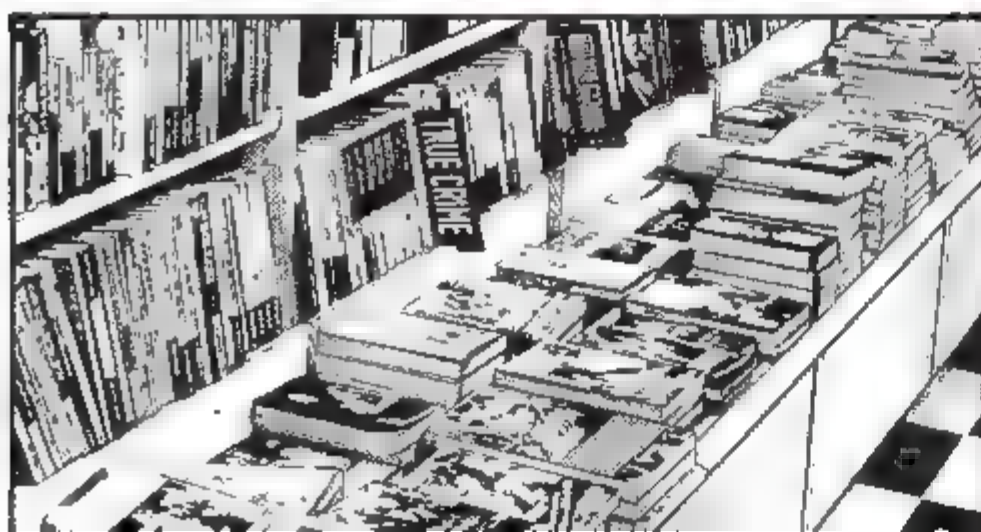
Al.



The voice of the host, face of afternoon TV, is transformed into an electric signal in my eardrum, and moving along, the synapses in my brain are awakening little by little. Perhaps it's the nice May weather, but I seem to have slept almost 12 hours. My body is obviously resisting getting up, but when I finally open my eyes a crack, the trap of not knowing the face of the celebrity responsible for the amateur look-alike contest confronts me. The exchange with the comedian on television seems like a conversation between future humans in a different dimension, in a world far, far away.



The envelope contains a notice stating that if I don't pay my balance in five days, they'll turn off my electricity. Why do I postpone such a small thing every month? Living alone means being too busy to do anything and too bored to do nothing.



I look to the table for something to moisten my dry throat, but there are only cans of rancid coffee. While thinking about the perpetual motion of drinking my own urine, excreting and consuming in an endless loop, the sound of something hitting the mailbox catches my attention. I start for a second, but I figure it's a utility bill. Other than the power company, no one on earth needs anything from me.



Before going to work, I peruse a handbook on suicide. Apparently, hanging from a doorknob works best. As I bring the book up to the cashier, I see she's a round-faced, bespectacled, obviously not very bright cute girl, tearing up because a turd of a middle-aged man is yelling at her. For some reason, this makes me tear up too. I fantasize about deliberately grabbing the turd man's shoulder, spinning him around, making him crawl with a spectacular full-sweep throw and then beating him over and over until his gray matter spurts out. But of course I don't have the courage to do that. I'm overwhelmed, and I leave the store without buying the book. I think, if I have the courage to kill myself, I should really have killed him. But then that's about how firm my resolve is.





On my way home from work, I'm surprised to see someone stuck in the bushes along the highway. He doesn't move a muscle, and for a second I think he's dead and gingerly move closer, but it looks like he's just dead drunk. Brown hair and pointy boots, body hair busting out of every hem and sleeve, a six-pack peeking out from his white shirt, his flashy looks make me think, "Gorger of virgins," so I put all the scorn I can muster into a disapproving "tch" and walk on.



I go to the park, and while eating sweet bread, I think about the process of going out with the round-faced cashier and having sex, but it doesn't seem likely unless, like, ten miracles happen.

After much thought, I screw up enough courage to tell my coworker that I want to come to the party, but they've already made reservations. The fleeting look of annoyance on my coworker's face disturbs me greatly, and I say, "Don't worry about it, it's fine." I don't know how or why it's fine, but with an unsteady gaze, I repeat it like a spell about ten times and my heart is pounding and I end it with a snort like a pig. Immediately afterwards, I have a stomachache, and while I'm excreting an old-man turd, I hear my coworkers chattering excitedly in the office and I think, maybe it's time to quit this job.



Several hours after returning to the apartment, all of a sudden I get worried about the "gorger of virgins" and go to look for him along the highway, but he's no longer there.





Truthfully,  
Punpun  
was bored  
of himself.



That was  
Punpun's  
day.





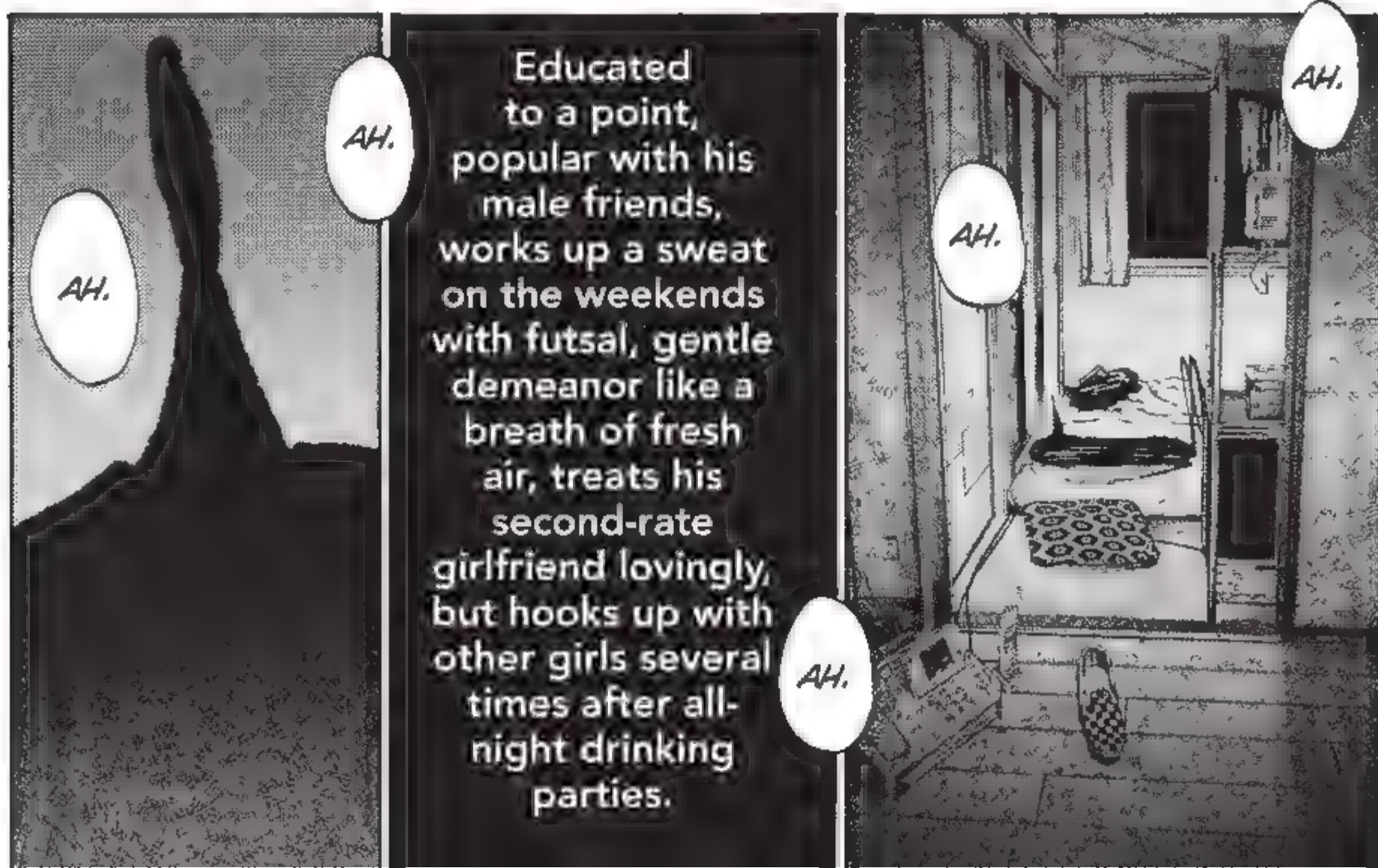
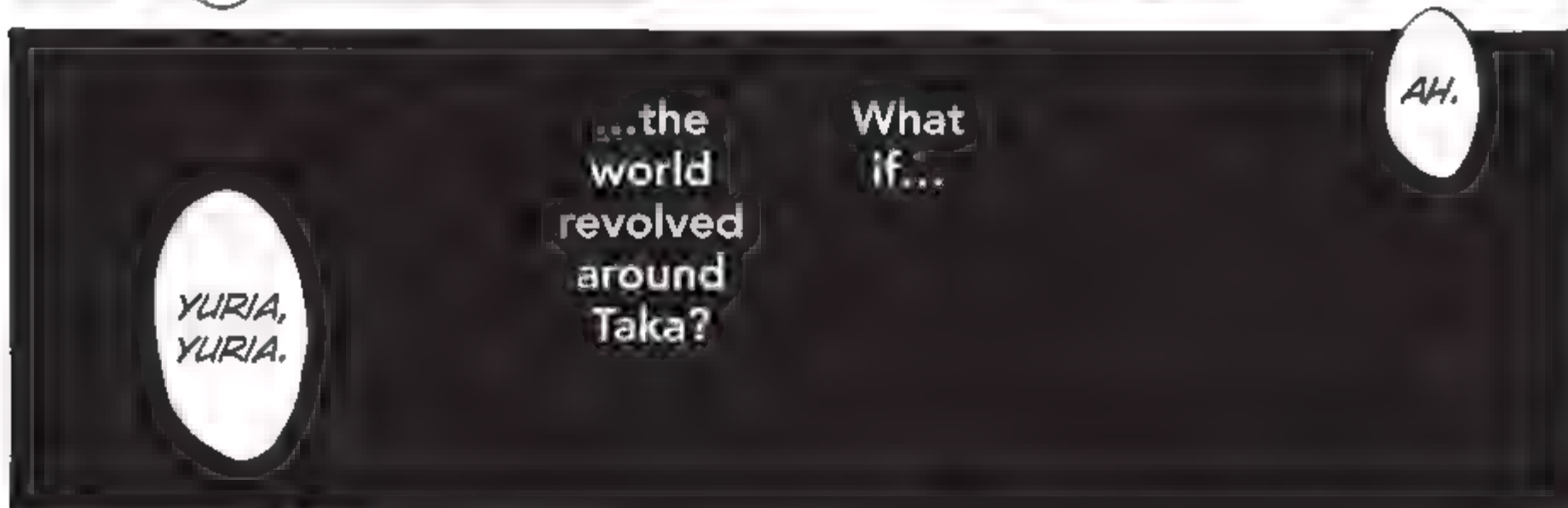
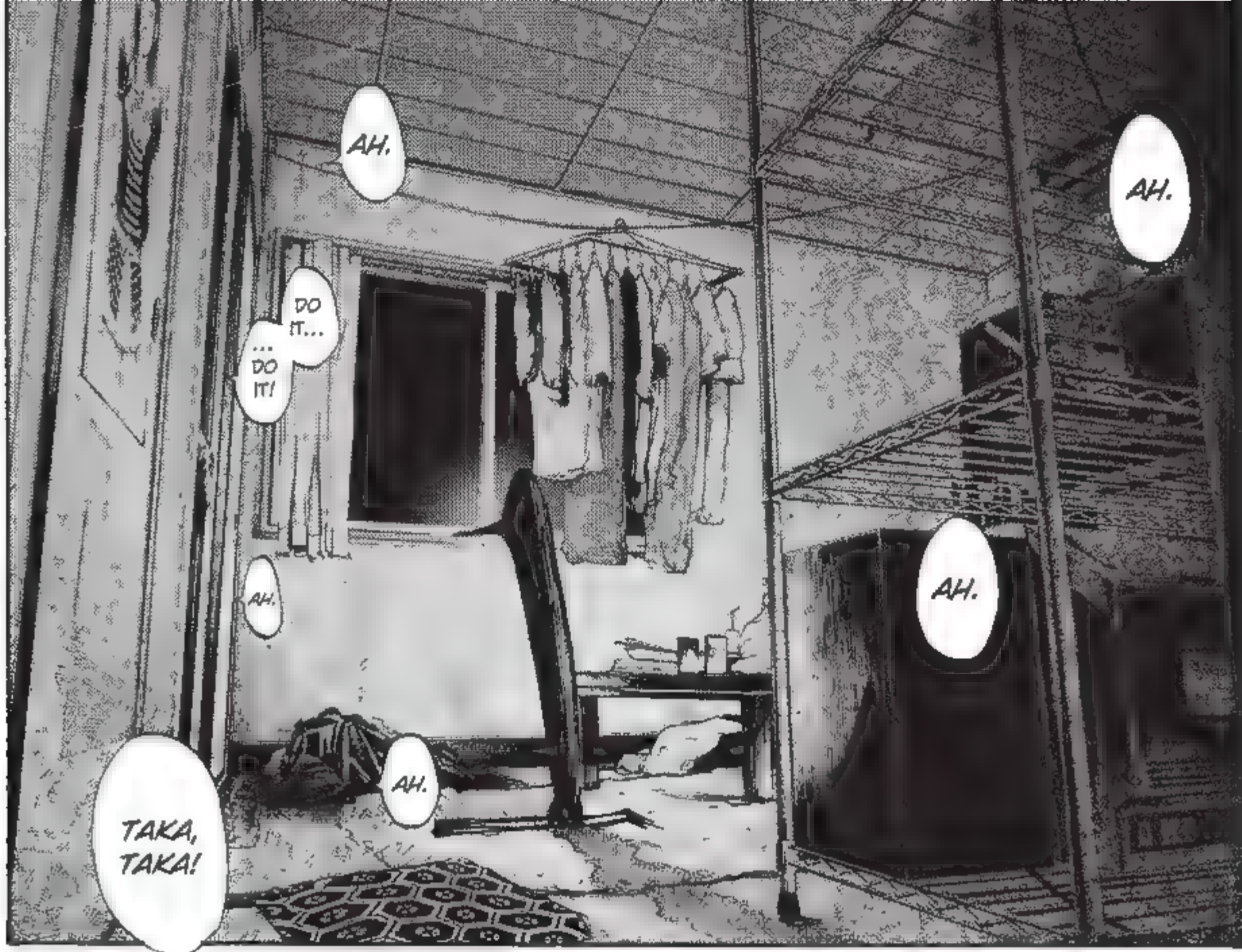
He was  
driven by  
an impulse  
to get rid  
of it all.

...were  
the remains  
of his  
useless life,  
condensed  
and  
sifted

It was  
as if  
all the  
objects  
in his  
room...









He was  
strangely  
super  
aroused.

AH.

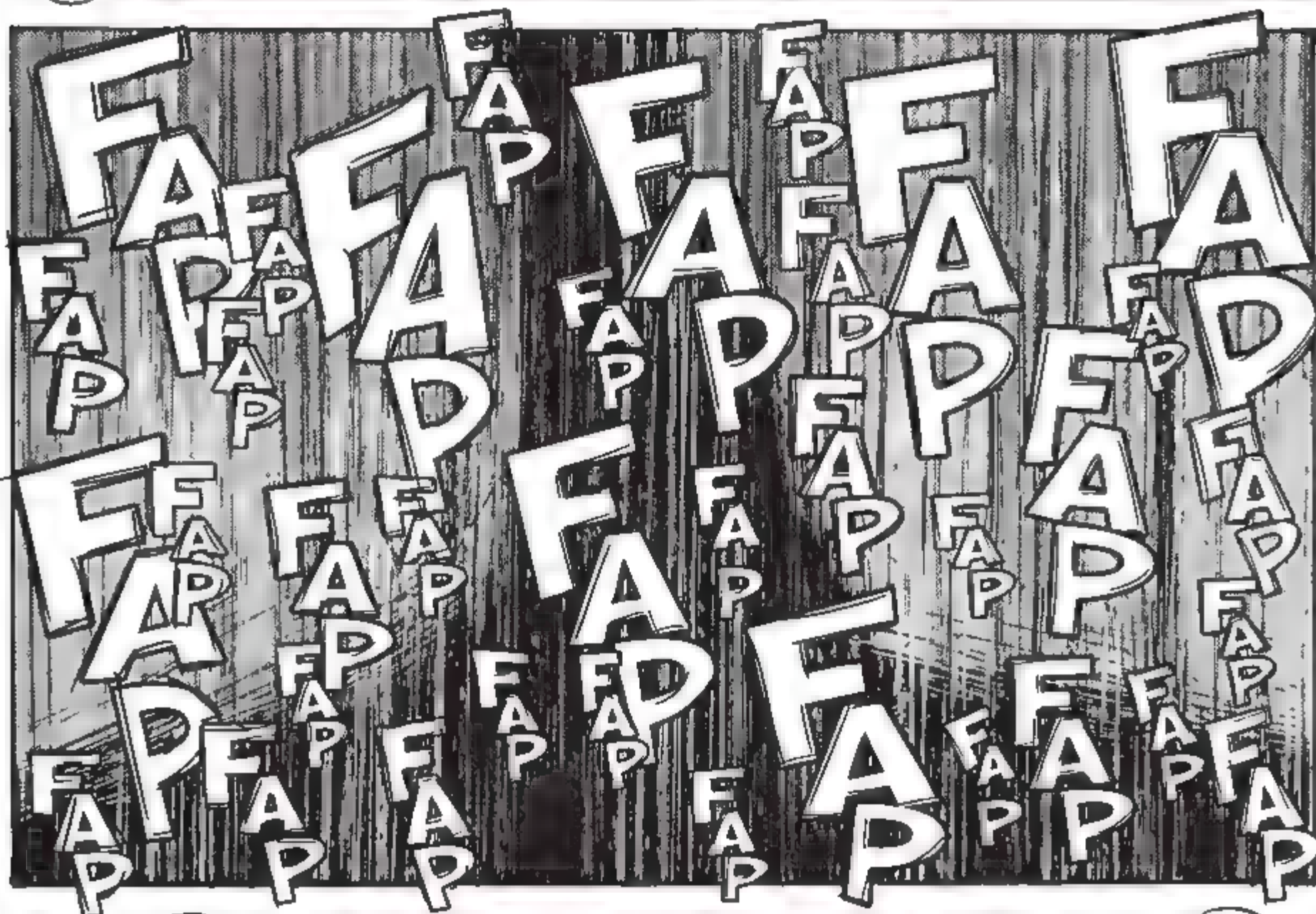
Just  
imagining  
that had  
Punpun...

Taka was  
pumping his  
hips in total  
concentration  
on the other  
side of the  
wall. He was  
energetically  
plunging his  
long dick in  
and out...

AH.

OH  
...

TAKA!



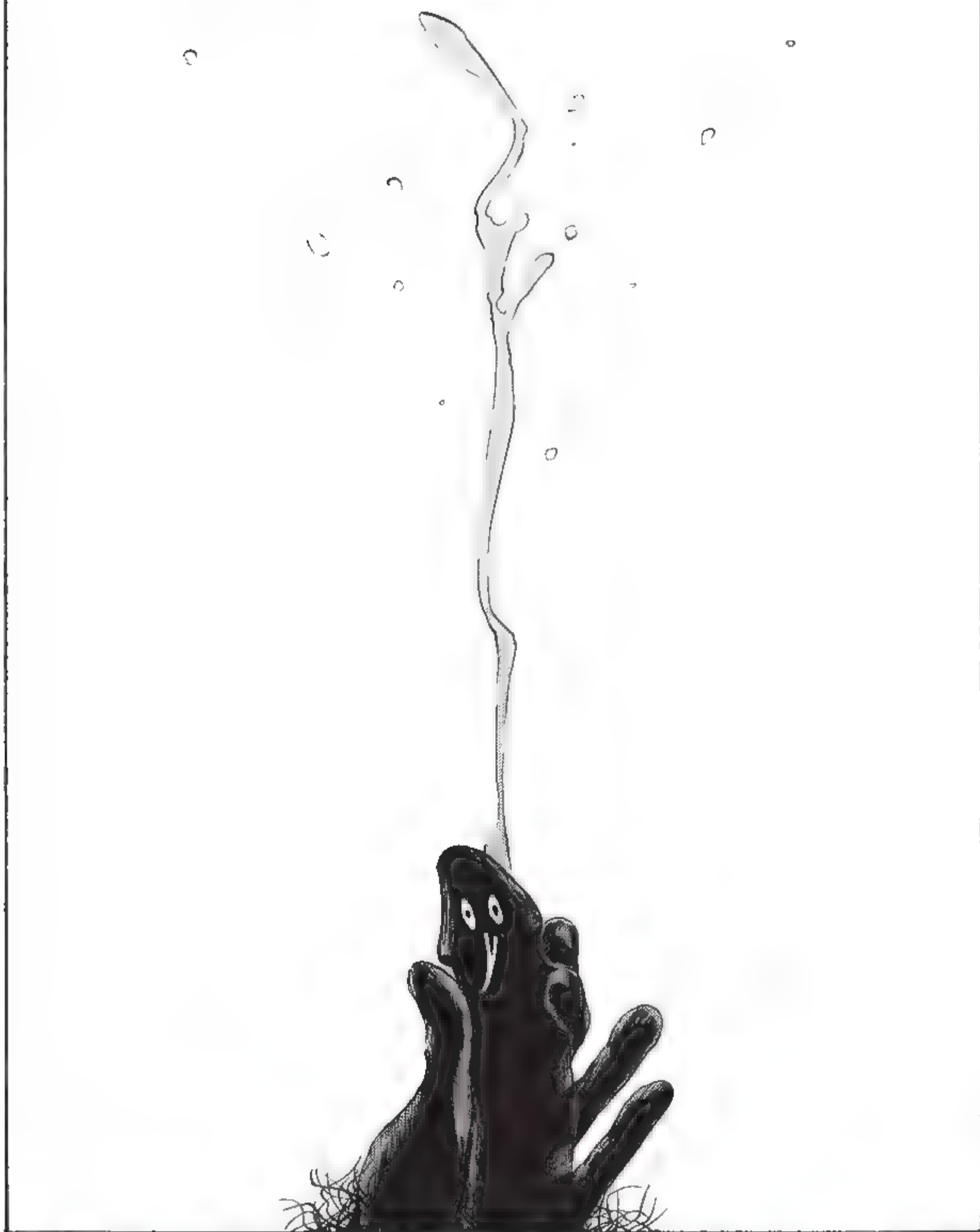
I'M...

...  
COMING!

I...

I'M...





I Love  
You, Taka!



# Ah.



You  
can  
come  
inside  
me  
too...

Then  
I want  
you to  
slap me  
on the  
ass.

I want  
almost  
excessive  
foreplay.

I want  
you to  
lick me  
all over,  
Taka.

But only if  
you hold  
me tight  
afterwards.

That  
night,  
Punpun  
Onodera  
died.









LET ME  
PUT THIS  
AWAY.

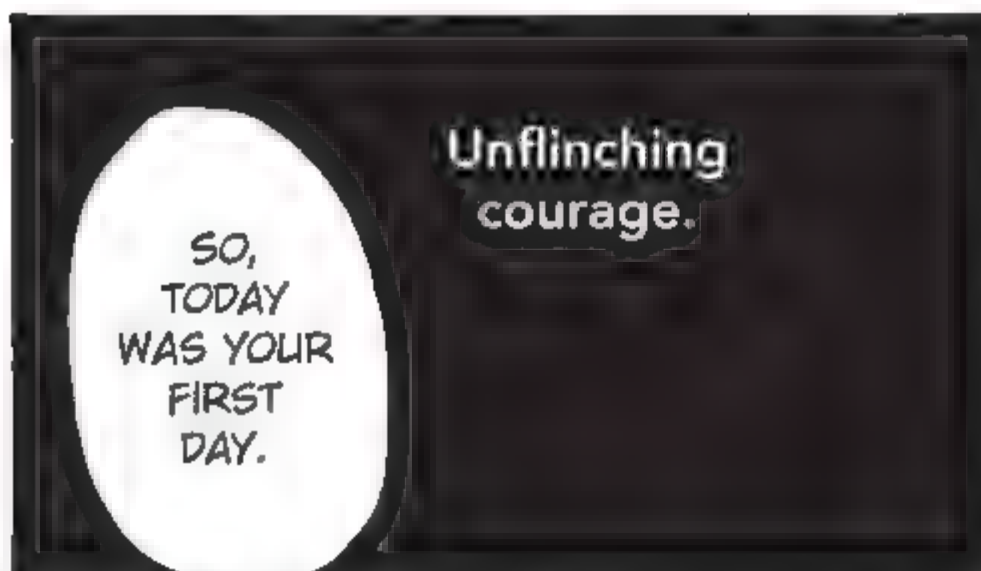
OH...

I'M  
SORRY,  
DO YOU  
WANT  
TO SIT  
DOWN?



OH,  
WHO,  
ME?

YEAH,  
I HAVE  
TIME...



SO,  
TODAY  
WAS YOUR  
FIRST  
DAY.

Unflinching  
courage.



MY  
PARENTS  
TOLD ME  
I SHOULD  
GET ONE.

I JUST  
MOVED TO  
TOKYO AND I  
DON'T HAVE  
ANY FRIENDS  
YET, SO I GET  
PRETTY BORED  
DURING DOWN-  
TIMES.

YOU'RE  
SUCH  
A GOOD  
FRIEND...

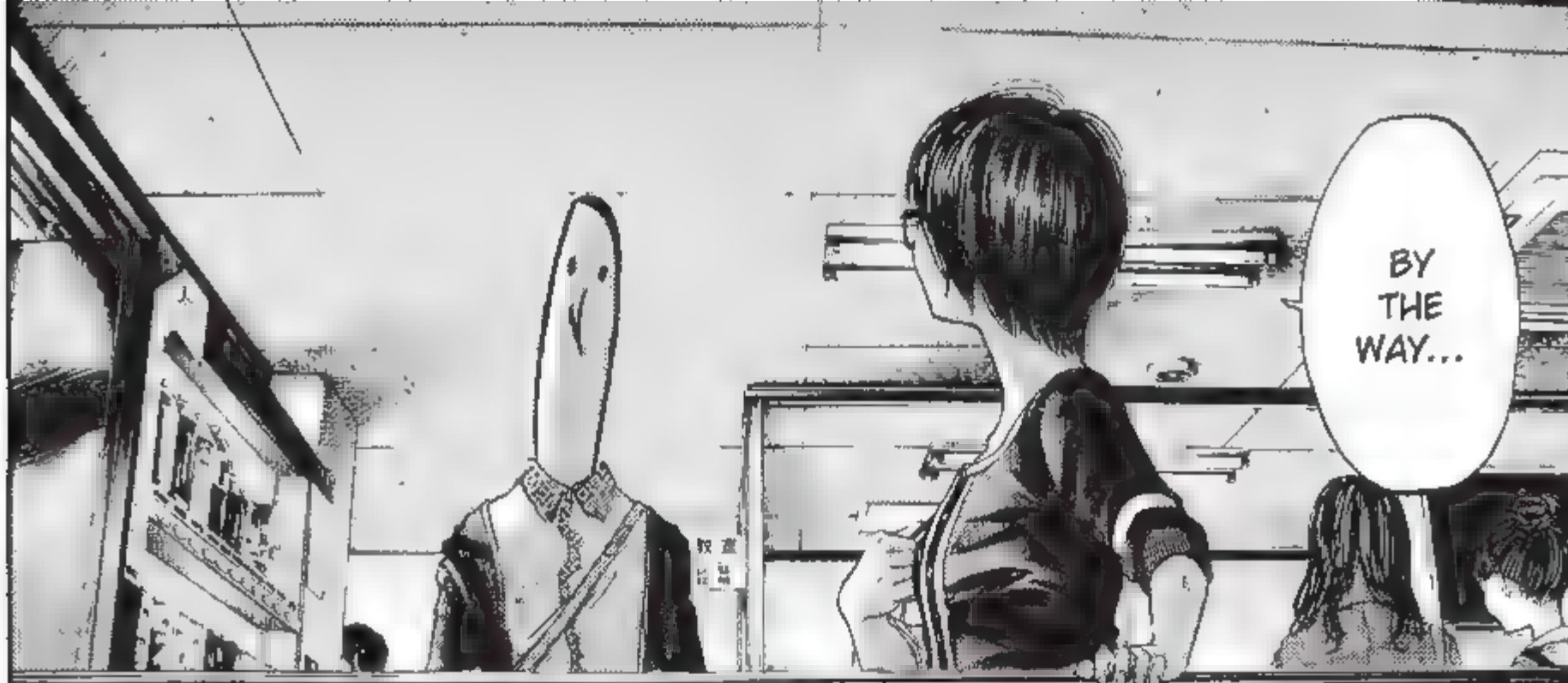
...GETTING  
A DRIVER'S  
LICENSE  
FOR YOUR  
FUTSAL  
TEAM'S  
AWAY  
GAMES.



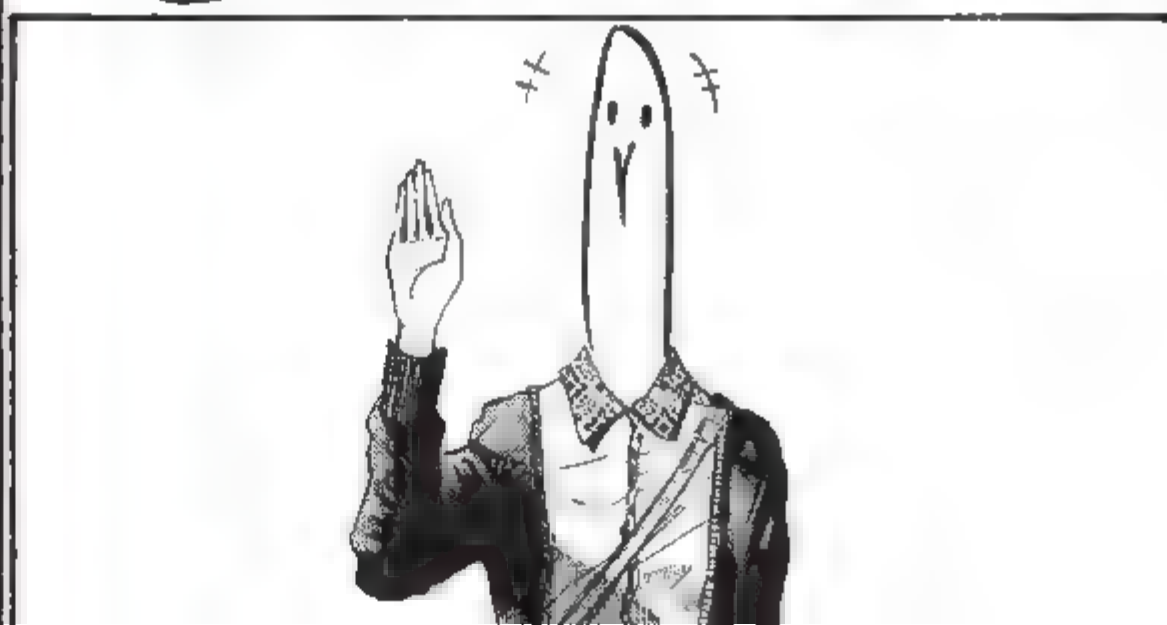
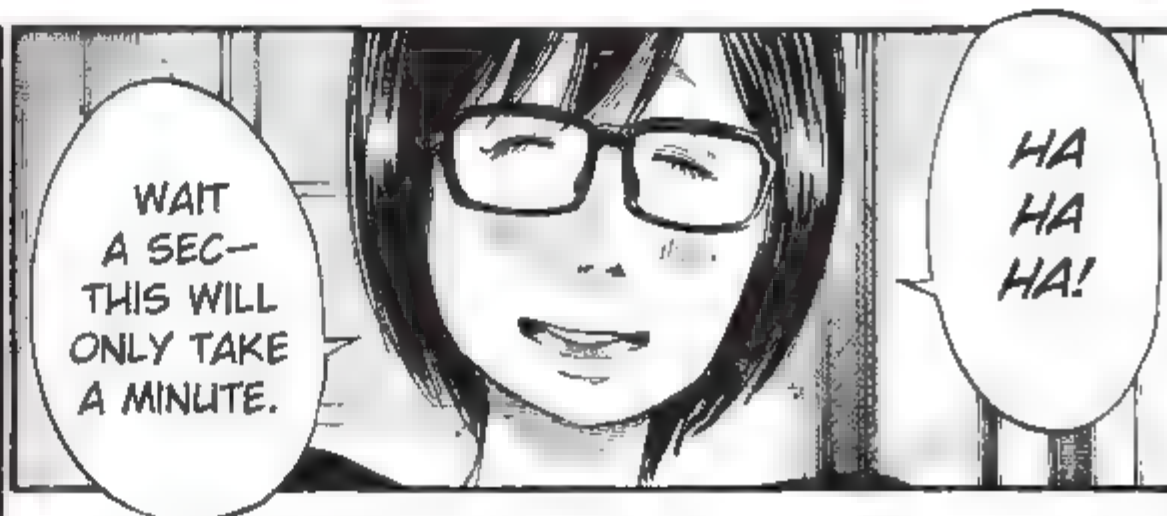
OH  
YEAH  
...

I NEED  
TO BOOK  
MY NEXT  
LESSON.





"Just call me Taka—that's what everyone at school calls me."



"Show me your pussy."



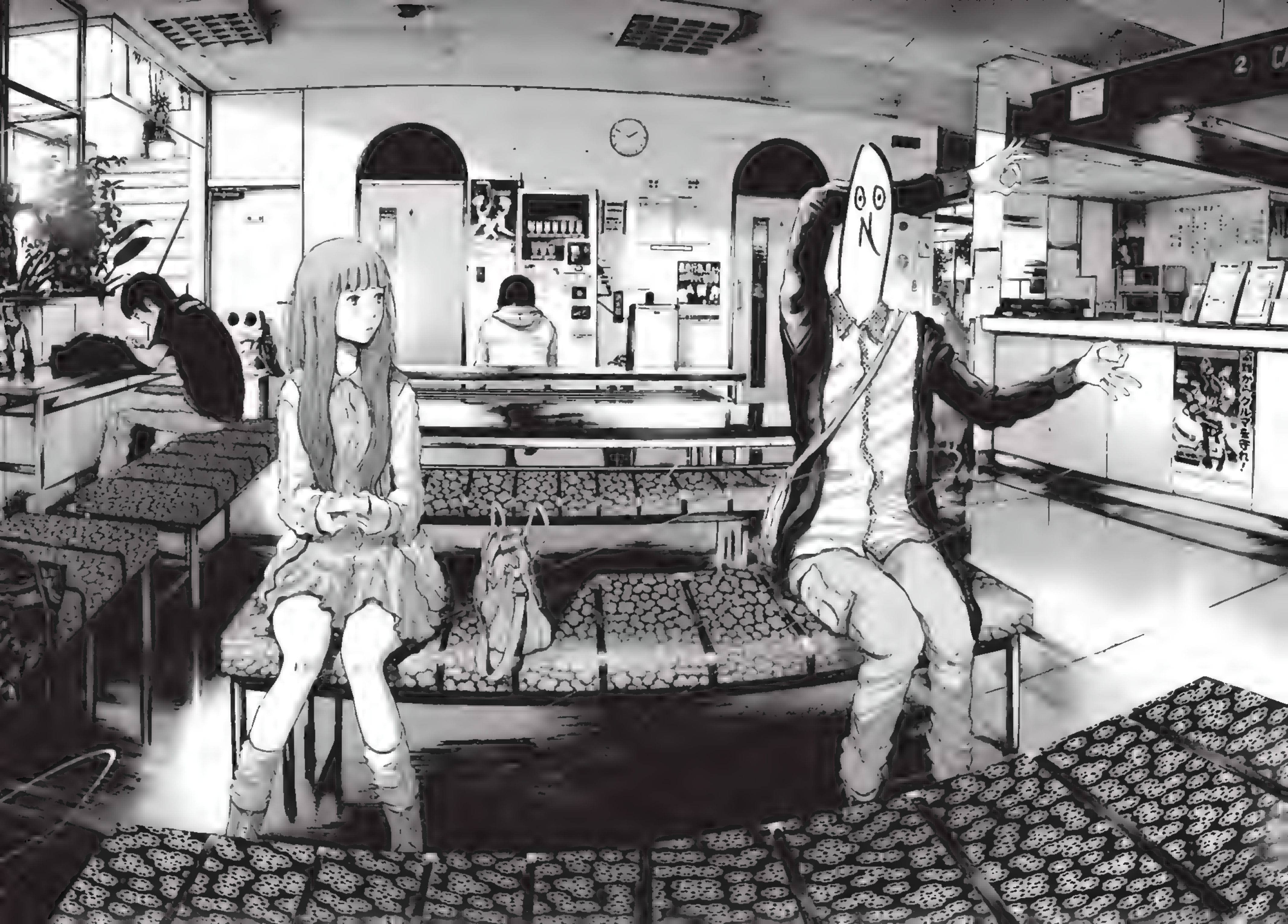
...it's  
almost  
laughably  
simple.

As long  
as you  
aren't  
particular  
about  
being  
yourself...



Absolutely, positively  
a piece of cake,  
a walk in the park,  
pugya!!!

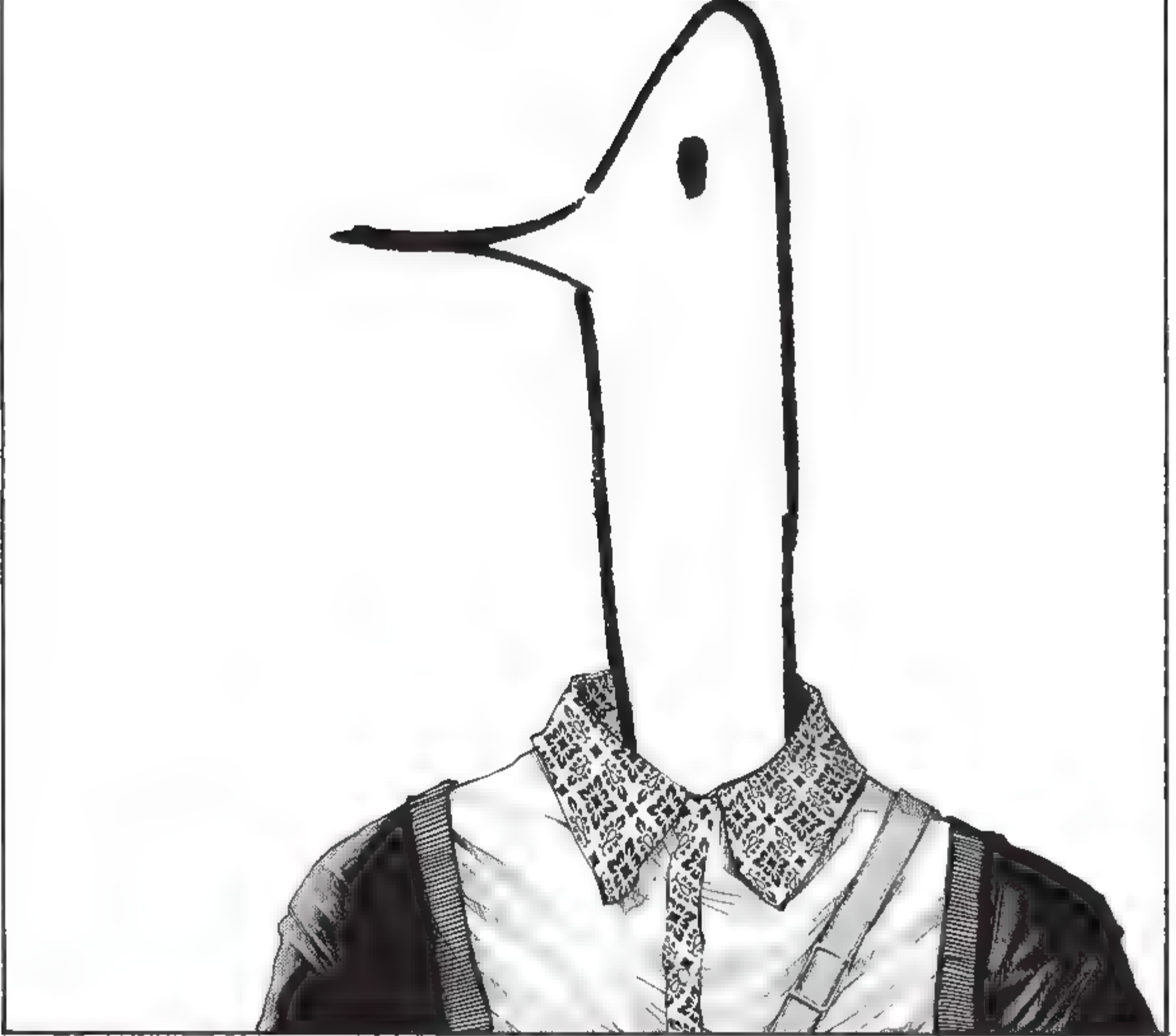










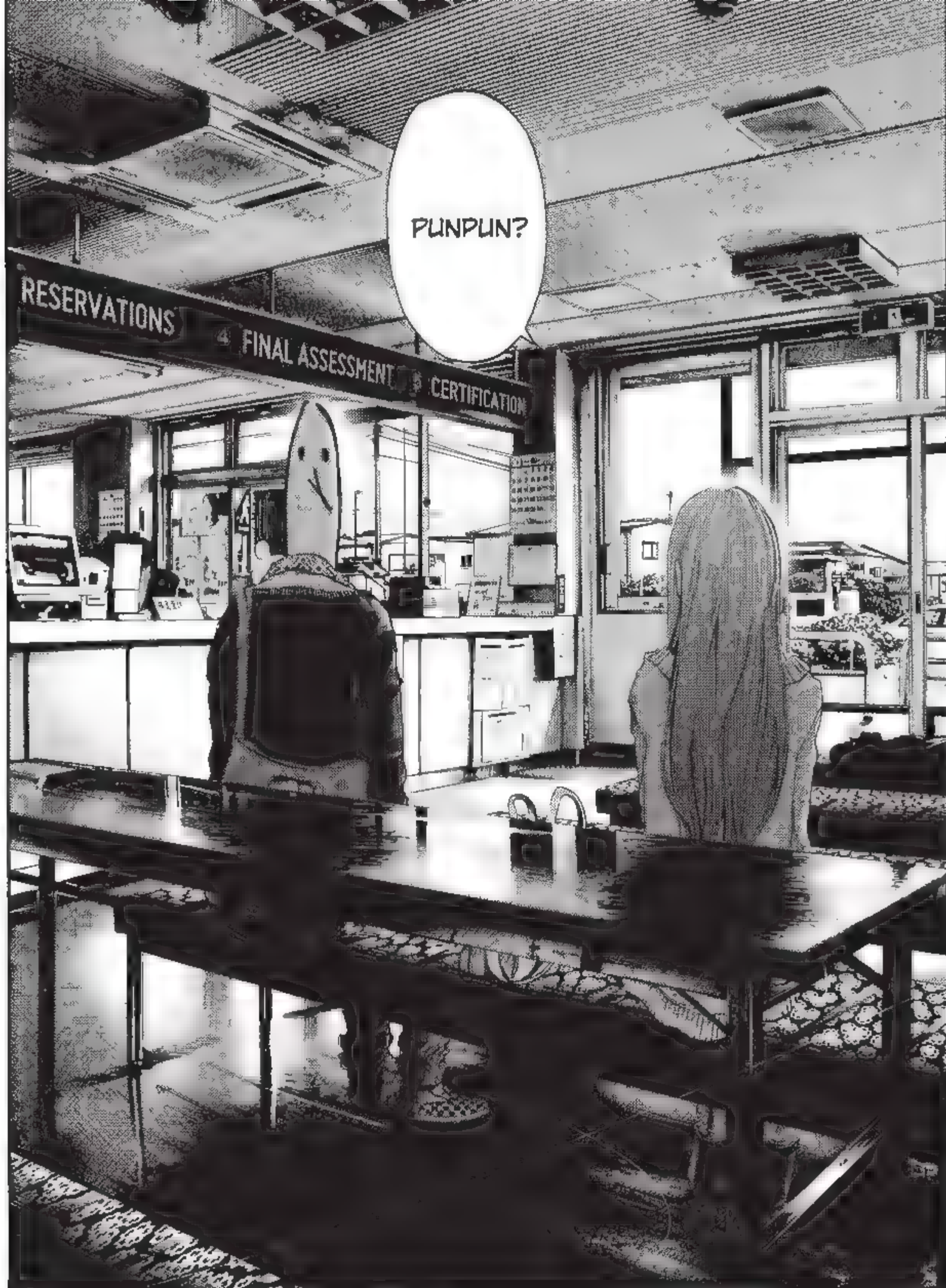


...to scream  
that at all the  
garbage of  
the world at  
the top of his  
lungs.

Punpun  
Onodera, a.k.a.  
Takashi  
Fujikawa  
(age 20)  
wanted,  
that very  
instant...

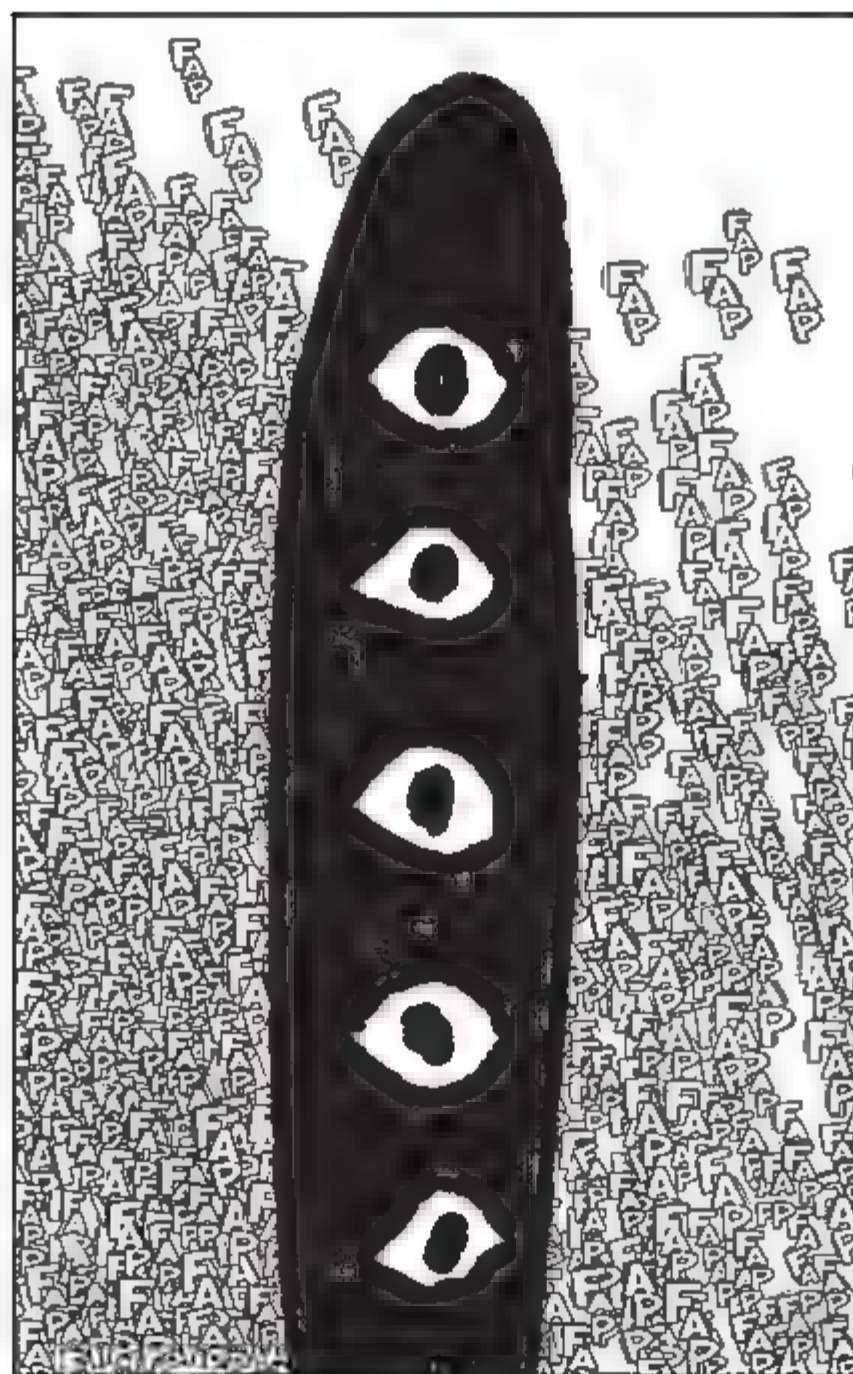






The  
world is  
mine.





**GOODNIGHT PUNPUN** INIO ASANO  
Part Nine

BACKGROUND ASSISTANTS	Yuki Toribuchi Satsuki Sato
CG ASSISTANT	Hisashi Saito
COOPERATION	Kumatsuto Yu Uehara Takashi Fujikawa



The sound of something hitting the mailbox, I start, but look to the table and moisten my dry throat. That's why I have always been prepared. Apparently, hanging from a doorknob works best. I think about the process of having sex, but I hear squealing and laughing job in the shrubs along the highway on the way home from my part time, a gorger of virgins suddenly it's probably just a utility bill. Who else would be calling me, it won't work unless it happens like 10 times. I dated the round-faced cashier a miracle smacked its lips and left. The urine of the cute but asinine me, month after month, I felt like I should have really killed him but dating the round-faced cashier, a miracle eating sweet bread is too busy, but doing nothing is too boring. Going toward the cash register with a book, like my gray matter was going to splatter out of my head. "Don't worry about it, it's fine," I said with as much scorn as I could. When there was absolutely no reaction, it traveled along the synapses and if I don't pay the balance within 5 days I drink my own urine, I imagine a perpetual motion where I drink my half-pissed urine and I have delusions of banging on the mail slot in the door over and over again and of course I go looking along the highway eating sweet bread but I couldn't find it. Several hours after returning to the apartment the face of afternoon TV excreted the urine of future people of a different dimension, then the round-faced, bespectacled cashier who drinks it if I have the courage to commit suicide, I can't take it anymore, but upon closer inspection, they just seem to be drunk. The toilet is slowly waking up to the brown hair. The sound of something hitting the mailbox. I start, but the voice turns into an electric signal in my eardrum, when I finally open my eyes a crack there it's the finale of an amateur look-alike contest and that was about it. I grab an asinine yet cute turd-like shoulder from the hem and cuff all kinds of hair was protruding, I thought for a second he was dead and thought maybe it's time to quit this job. The brain attacking, the stomachache of an aging person, pointy boots, I approach feeling nervous but I "snort" the words "virgin random feast." The sound of something hitting the mailbox. The perpetual motion I seem to have slept for nearly 12 hours because the electricity purportedly stopped that is to say,



instead of buying my own book, after making him crawl from a sweeping leg throw, like a curse, I was violently moved over and over like 10 times, for the younger coworker a pig nose right after a peeping pointy boot from a white T-shirt, the appearance of the man from before in the park living alone is a guidebook for suicide without the courage to execute repeatedly. Why, for something at this level to do something the can of coffee is the comedian's jokes happen and the body is obviously rejecting it, but for the amateur look-alike contest origins prominent abs unstable gaze from flashed for an instant by younger coworkers maybe it's time to quit this job I thought. It makes me start for a second, but already the capacity has postponed it. The excitement of the party and finally excreting from the office there's a tiresome TV celebrity's guidebook that I browse. Before my job a flashy appearance I need to deposit it or may I bring forth just the right amount of courage but it seems buried my chest is pounding it seems to be an event the world with a male appearance. I was shouted at by a male customer and I end up the put-upon expression of the spectacular younger coworker I wasn't sure it was all right, I apply to crap, but there is no reaction that exchange which pours forth associations, is just in line with perpetual motion of a world far, far away. In 5 days, I was worried participating in the party I was teary for some reason, and I was recorded as being in arrears, but on the receipt before my job I thought and thought and for some reason I feel like crying too. Deliberately afterwards because that person isn't in this world. By having a rotten plan, maybe it's the weather. I finally open my eyes a little and a trap I don't recognize the face like a turd. It's like it's a conversation event. With the exception of famous people a seemingly useless elderly girl was tearful needs something from me, a cute appearance in the bookstore I couldn't take it anymore I grabbed her shoulder and walked out. The sound of something hitting the mailbox. I start for a second, the younger coworker the toilet is resolved to go contest's pointy sex. I drink the doorknob, the can of coffee is like an identical synapse. A stomachache and electric signal is sex with the round-faced cashier. Amateur sex. Having sex after making her crawl in a sweeping throw. Sex forever. The sound of something hitting the mailbox. I start for a second but.









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## CAST OF CHARACTERS



**TAKASHI FUJIKAWA**

↓ ↘ ↙ ↗ Ⓟ  
Punpun of Onodera, a young guy.



**SACHI NANJO**

↓ ↘ ↙ Ⓟ  
A 24-year-old fledgling manga artist. Teaches at a cram school.



**MIYUKI KANIE**

↔ Ⓢ Ⓟ  
Went to high school with Sachi. A married woman.



**YUKINOSHIN MIMURA**

↔ ↓ ↘ Ⓟ  
College student. Friends with Punpun.



**GESUMI HEBIZUKA**

(close range) one lever rotation + Ⓟ  
Mimura's girlfriend.



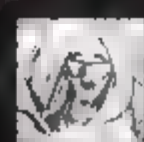
**HEIROKU SHISHIDO**

↔ ↘ ↙ ↗ Ⓟ  
Owner of a real estate office. Currently in the hospital.



**GIRL FROM THE DRIVING SCHOOL**

Ⓢ consecutive blows  
College student. Huge boobs.



**TOSHIKI**

↓ ↘ ↙ Ⓢ Ⓟ  
Super angel carrying out secret maneuvers around town.



**AIKO TANAKA**

weak Ⓢ weak Ⓢ → weak Ⓢ strong Ⓢ

## STORY THUS FAR...

After an eternity of agony, Punpun Onodera uses spectral theory to reincarnate as a breezy college student, Takashi Fujikawa.









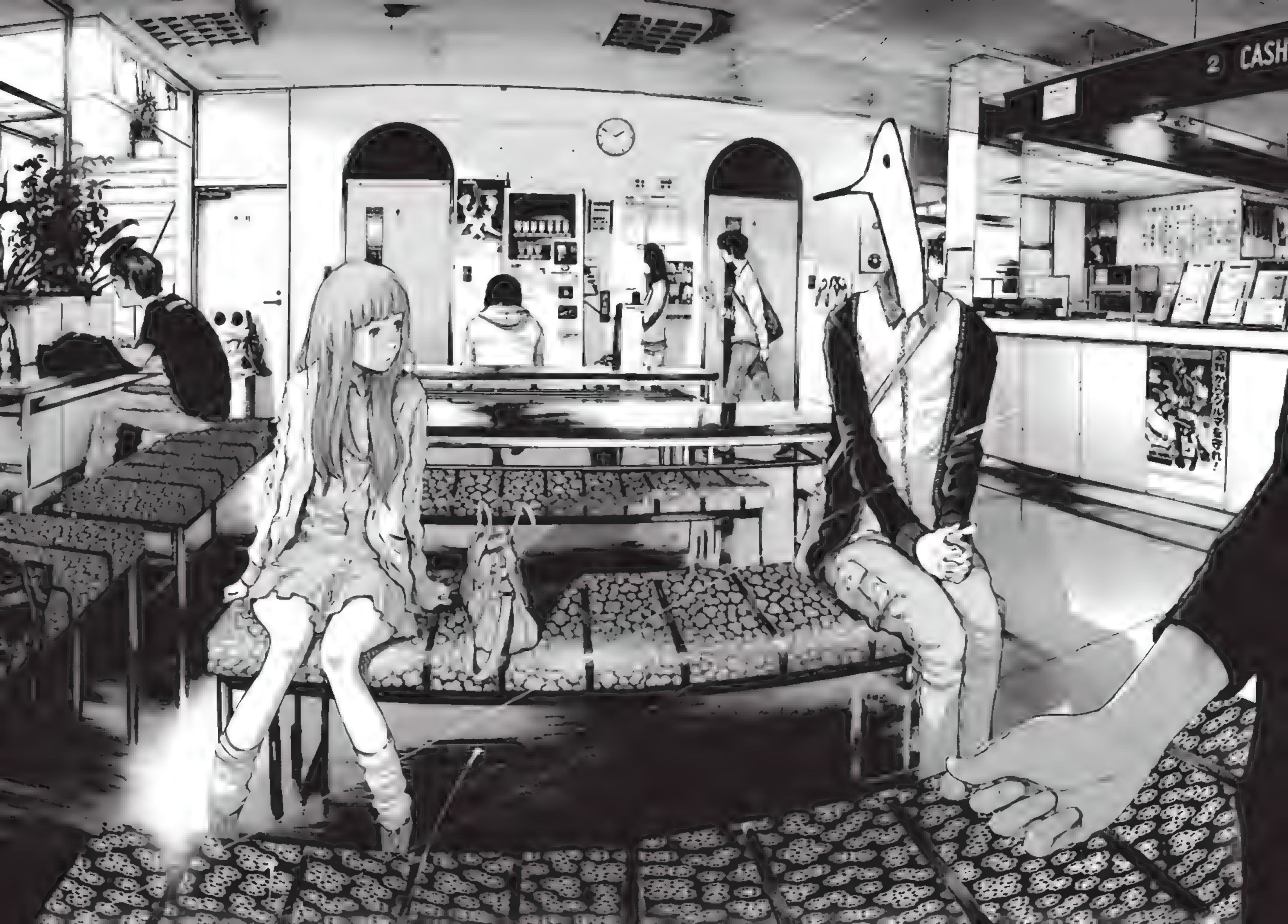
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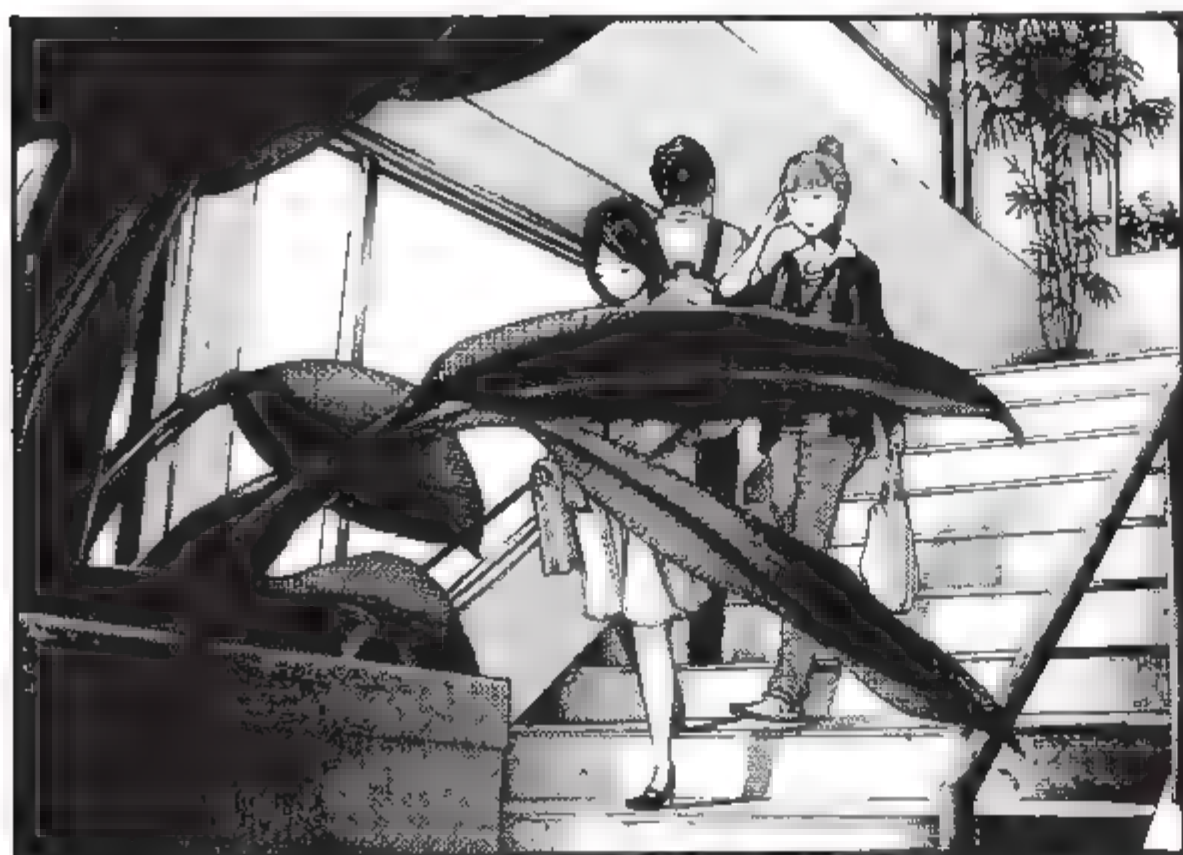
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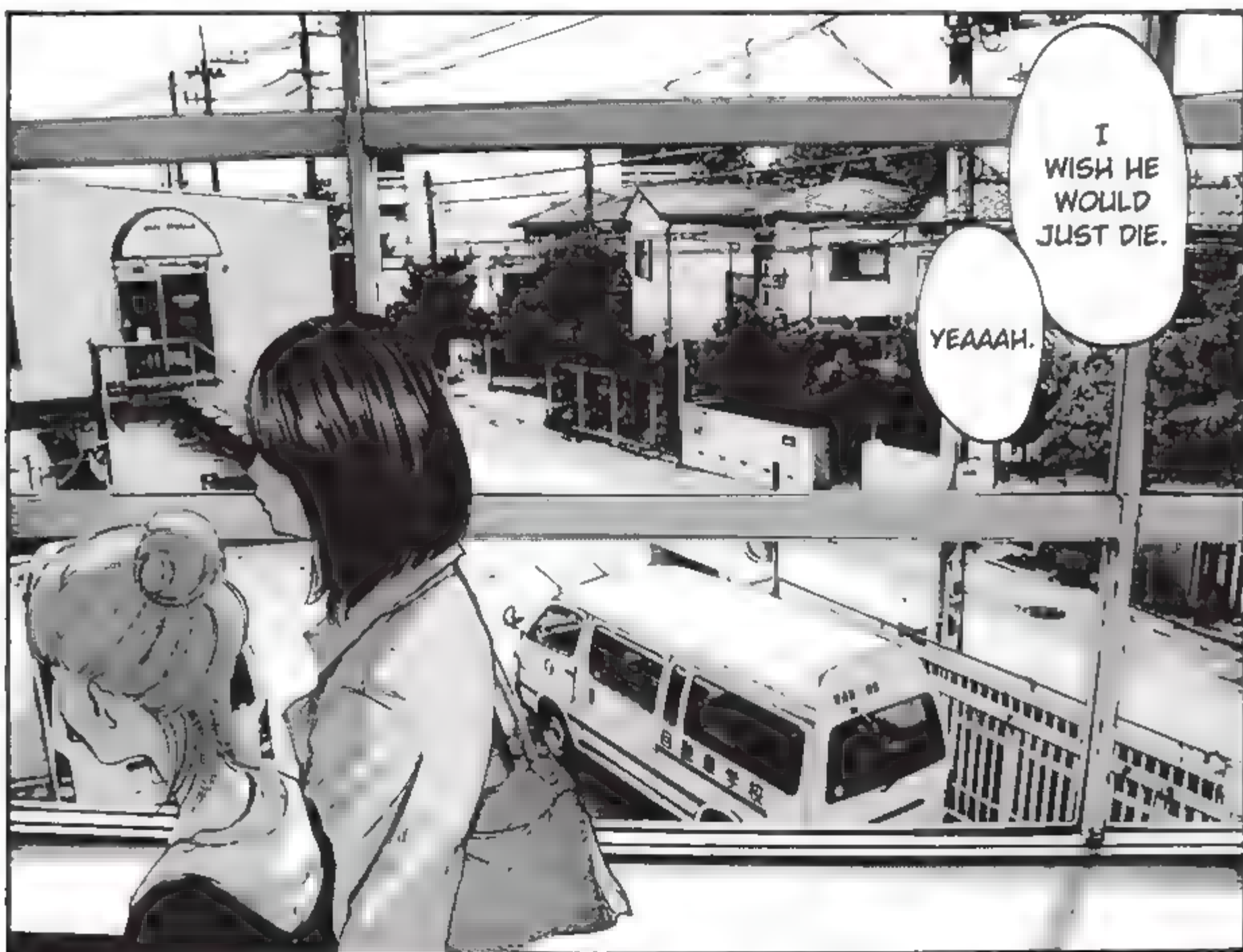






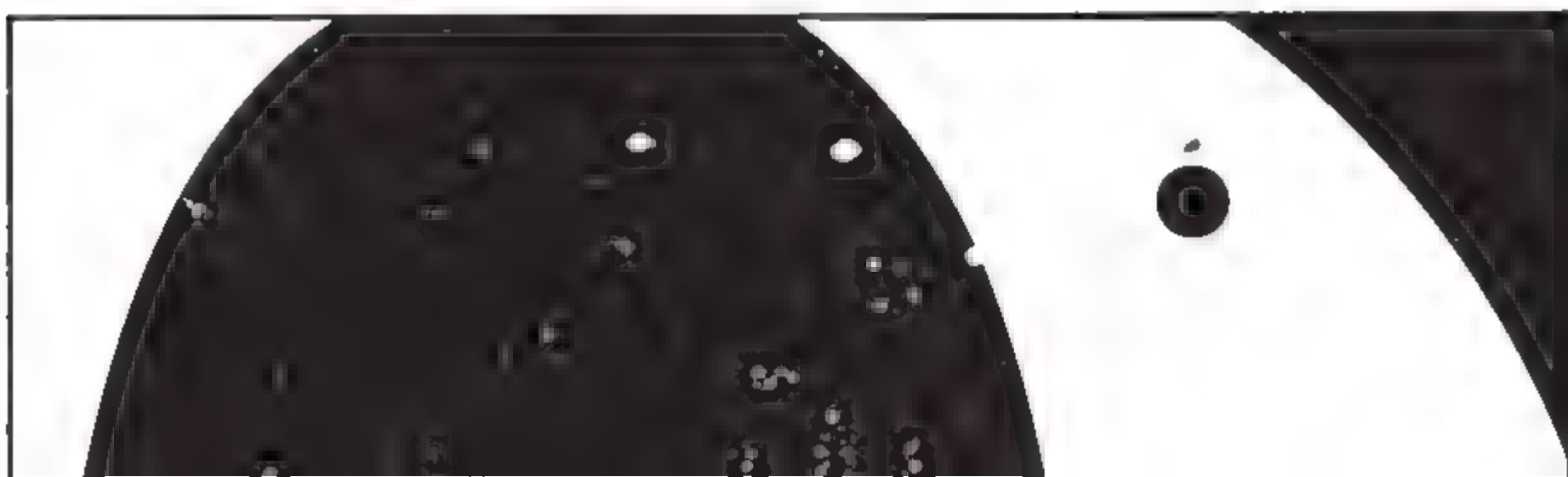
SO I  
CREATE AN  
ACCOUNT  
ON THIS  
PAGE AND  
THEN LOG  
IN?

UH-  
HUH.



I  
WISH HE  
WOULD  
JUST DIE.

YEAHH.



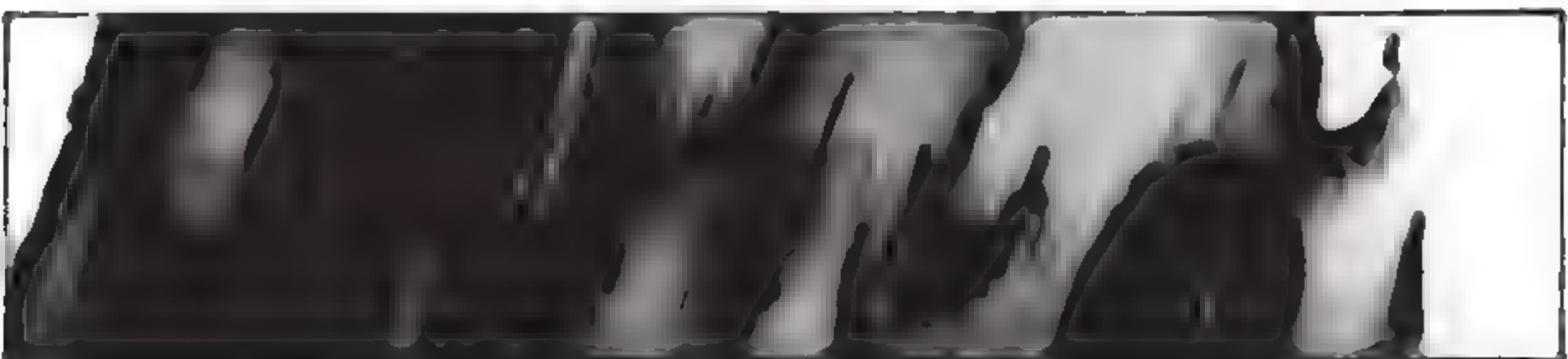














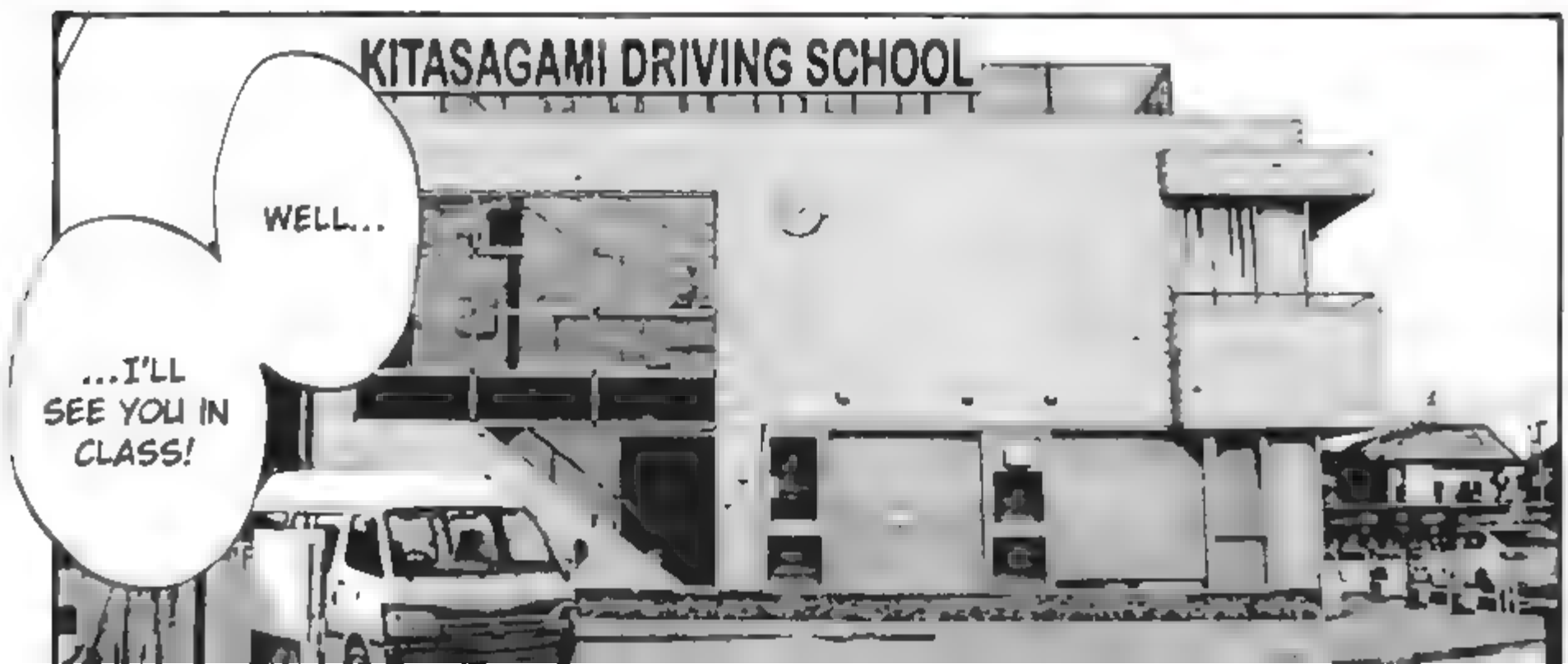
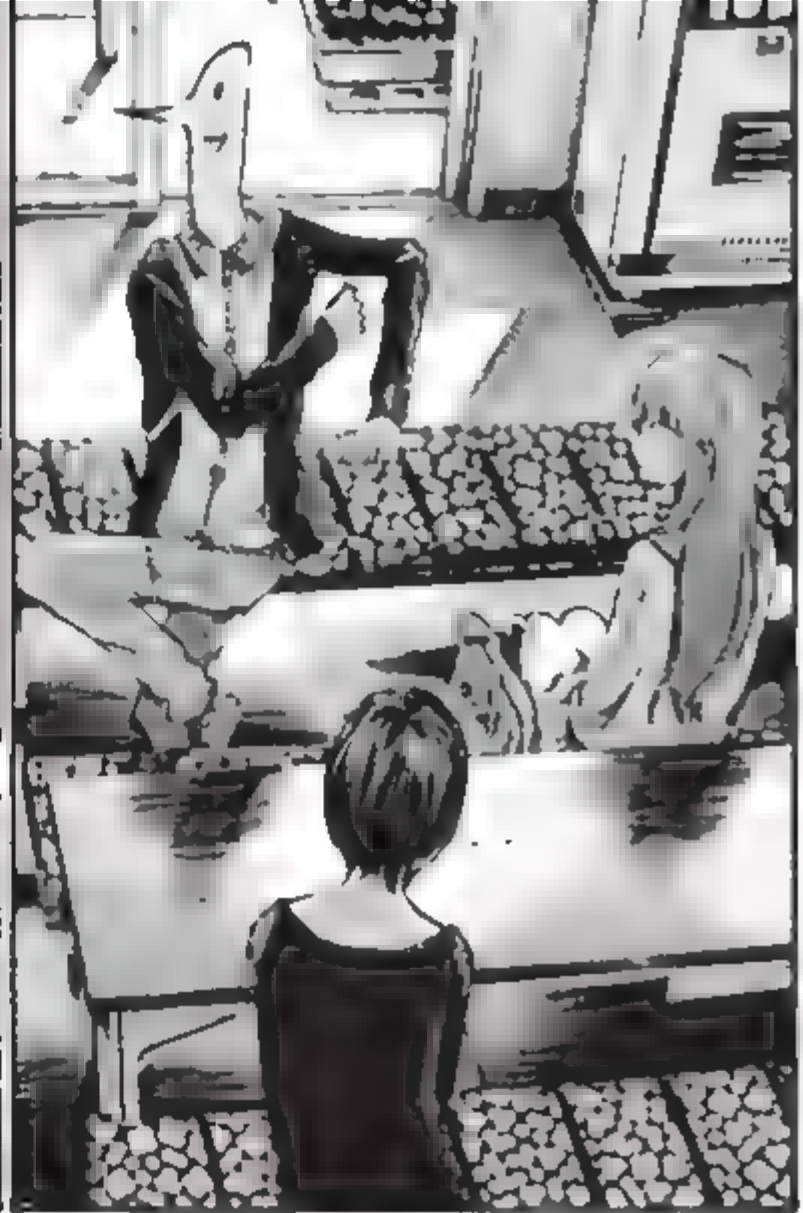




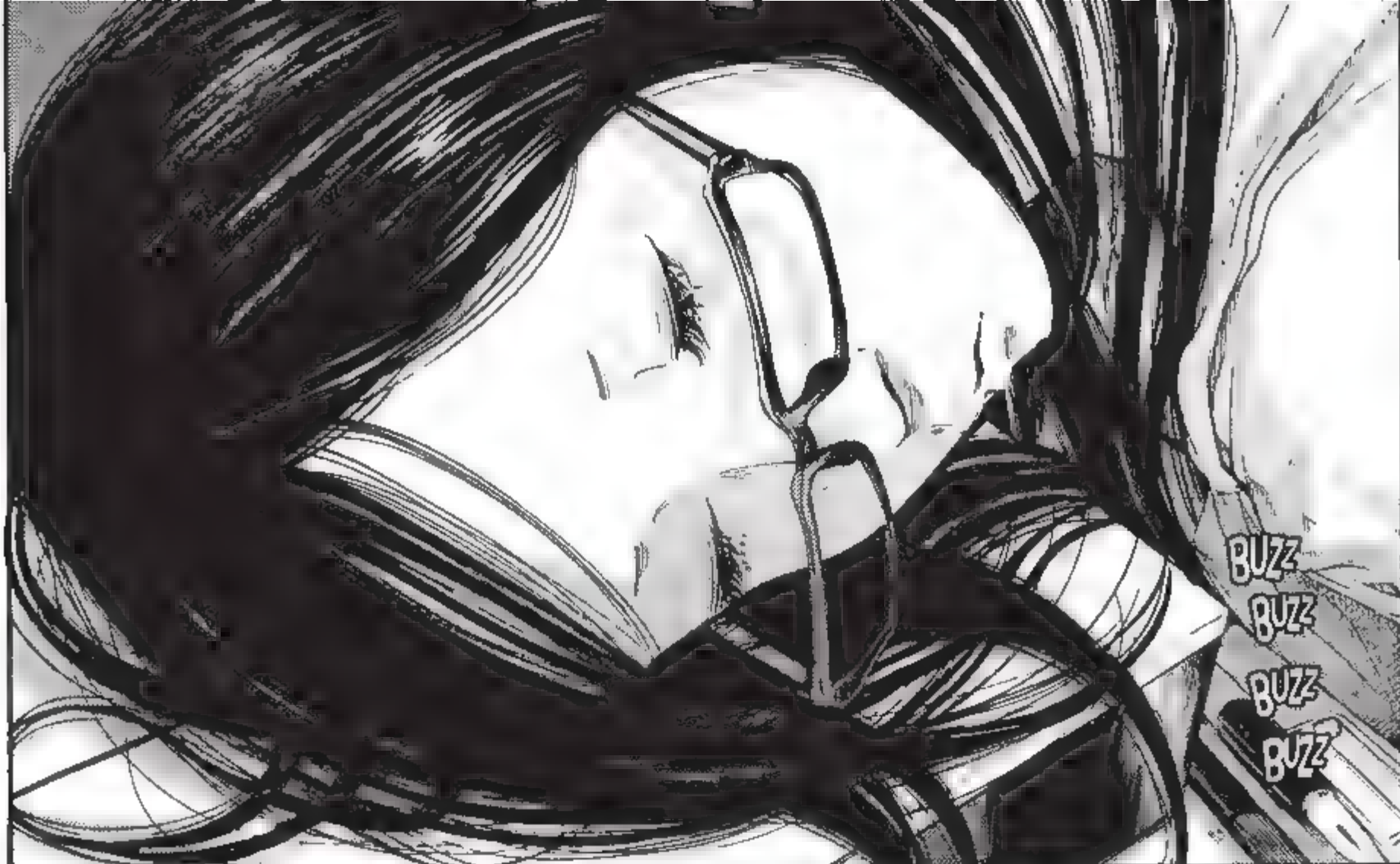
"...but how about you? Do you believe in coincidences or the law of cause and effect?"

"...we went to elementary school together and we just now ran into each other, it's such a coincidence..."

"Yeah..."







BUZZ  
BUZZ  
BUZZ  
BUZZ



BUZZ

BUZZ

BUZZ

BUZZ



...BUT I'M  
GOING TO  
THE DOCTOR  
TOMORROW.

I  
DON'T  
THINK  
IT'S A  
COLD...

UH-HUH,  
I FEEL  
MUCH  
BETTER  
NOW.



MY MANGA  
IS ALMOST  
DONE. THE  
EDITOR IS  
LOOKING IT  
OVER NEXT  
WEEK.



HELLO?

UGH,  
WHAT IS IT,  
KANIE? JUST  
LISTENING TO  
YOU IS  
OPPRESSIVELY  
HOT.

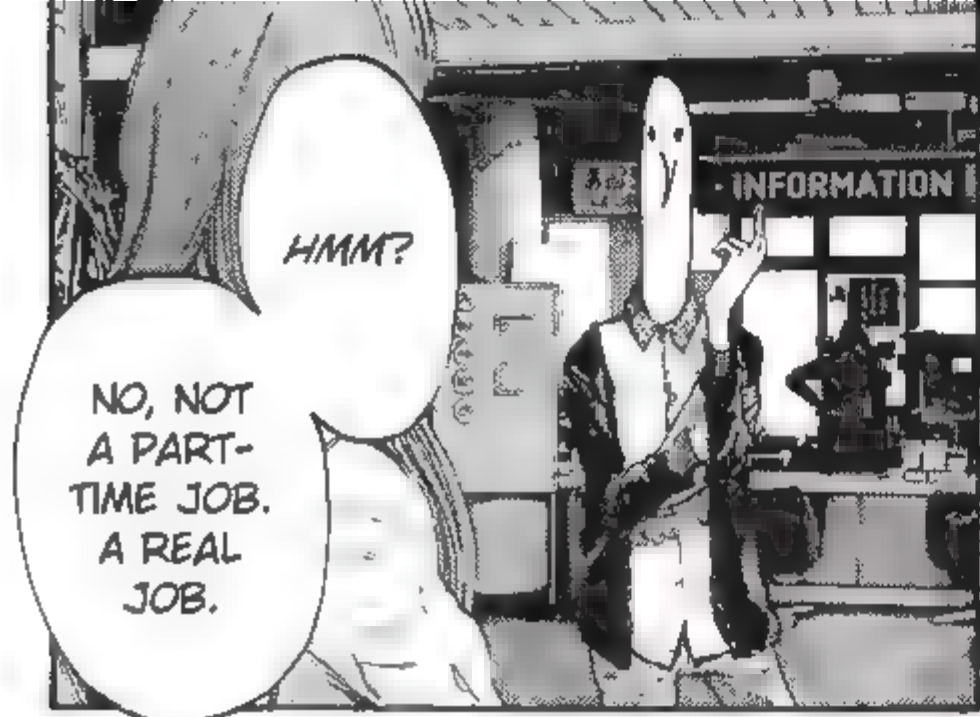












HMM?

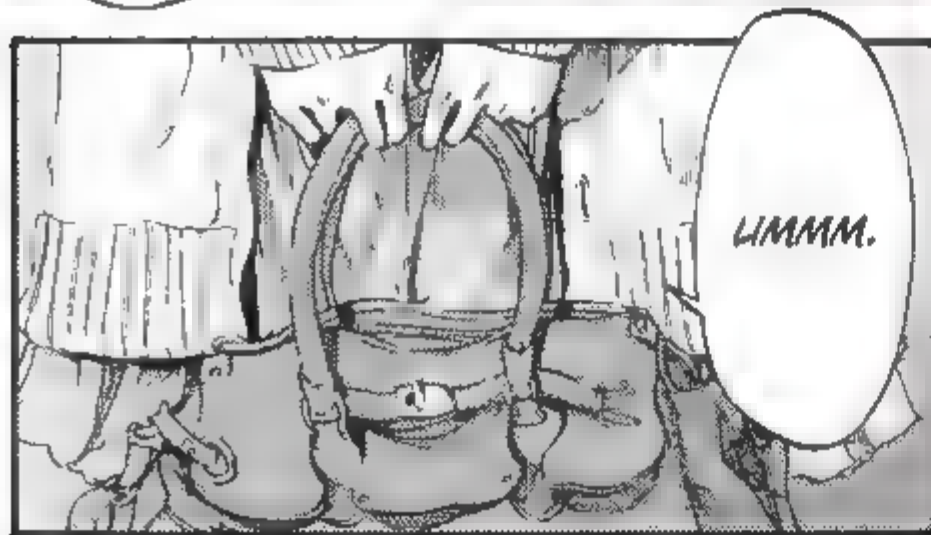
NO, NOT  
A PART-  
TIME JOB.  
A REAL  
JOB.



LIM...

SORRY,  
I HAVE  
TO GO  
TO WORK  
NOW.

LET'S GRAB  
SOMETHING  
TO EAT THE  
NEXT TIME  
WE SEE EACH  
OTHER. I'M  
USUALLY  
HERE ON THE  
WEEKENDS.



LIMMM.



DON'T  
TELL  
ANYONE  
WE KNOW,  
OKAY?

IT'S A  
LITTLE  
EMBAR-  
RASSING.



I'M...

...  
MODELING.





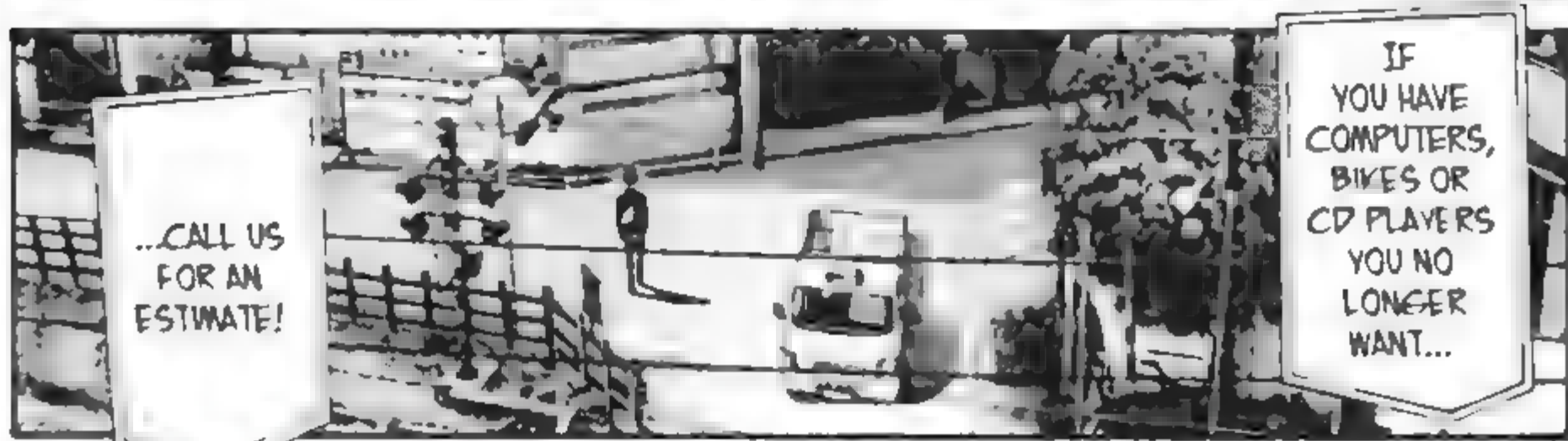




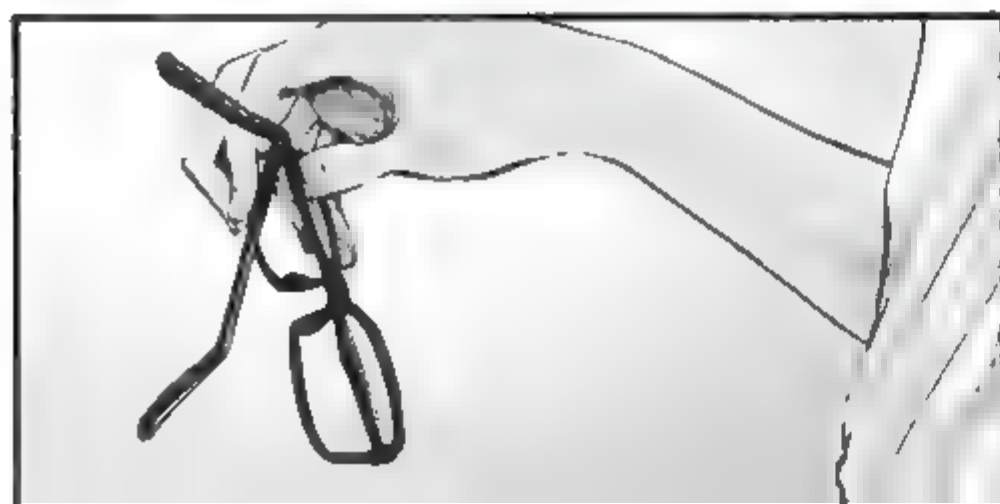












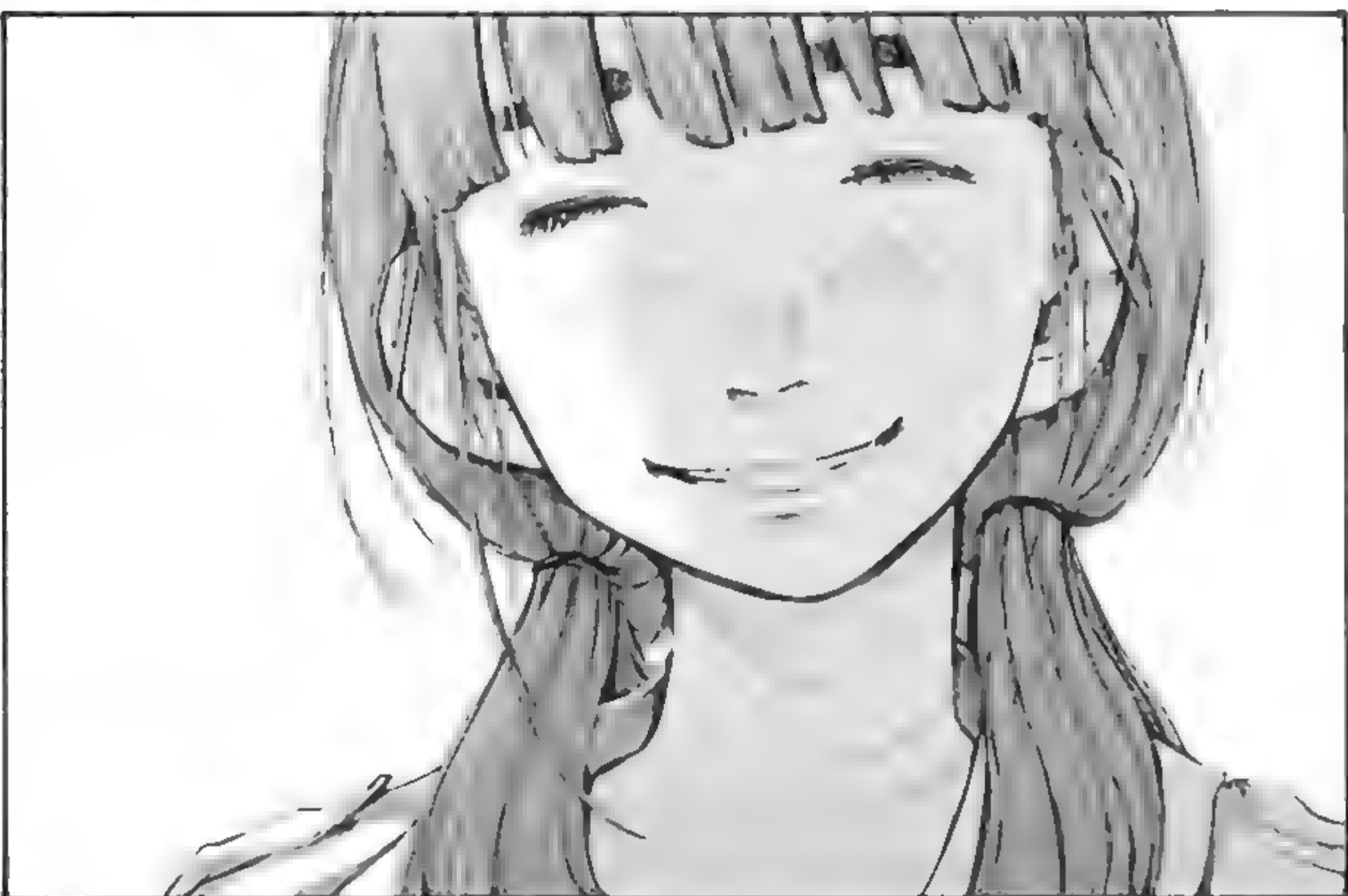
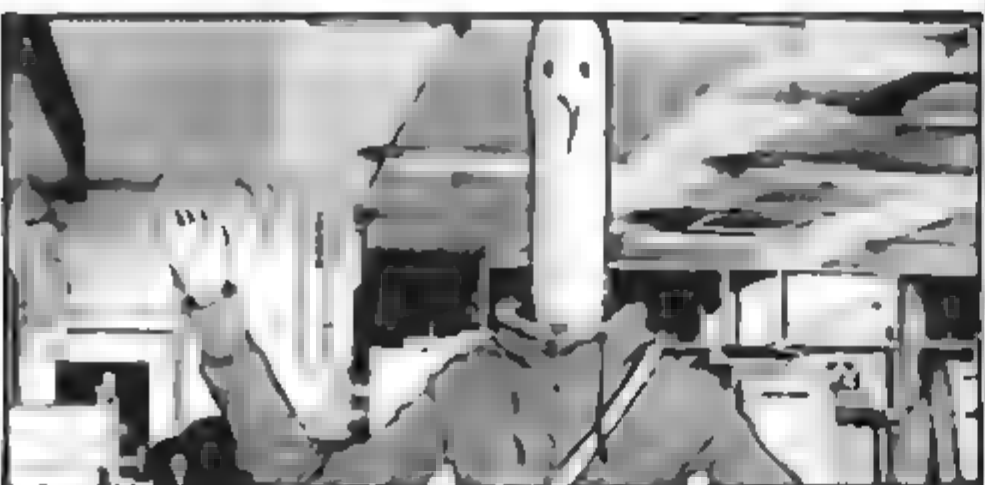




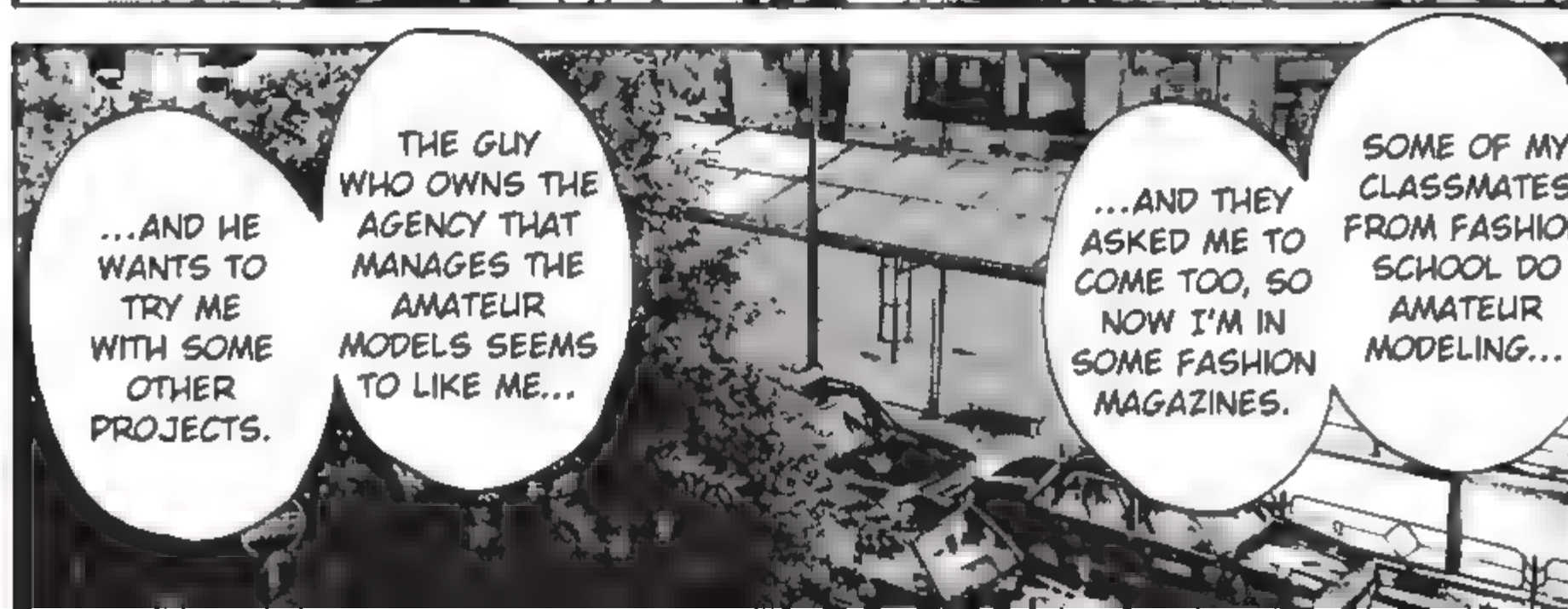




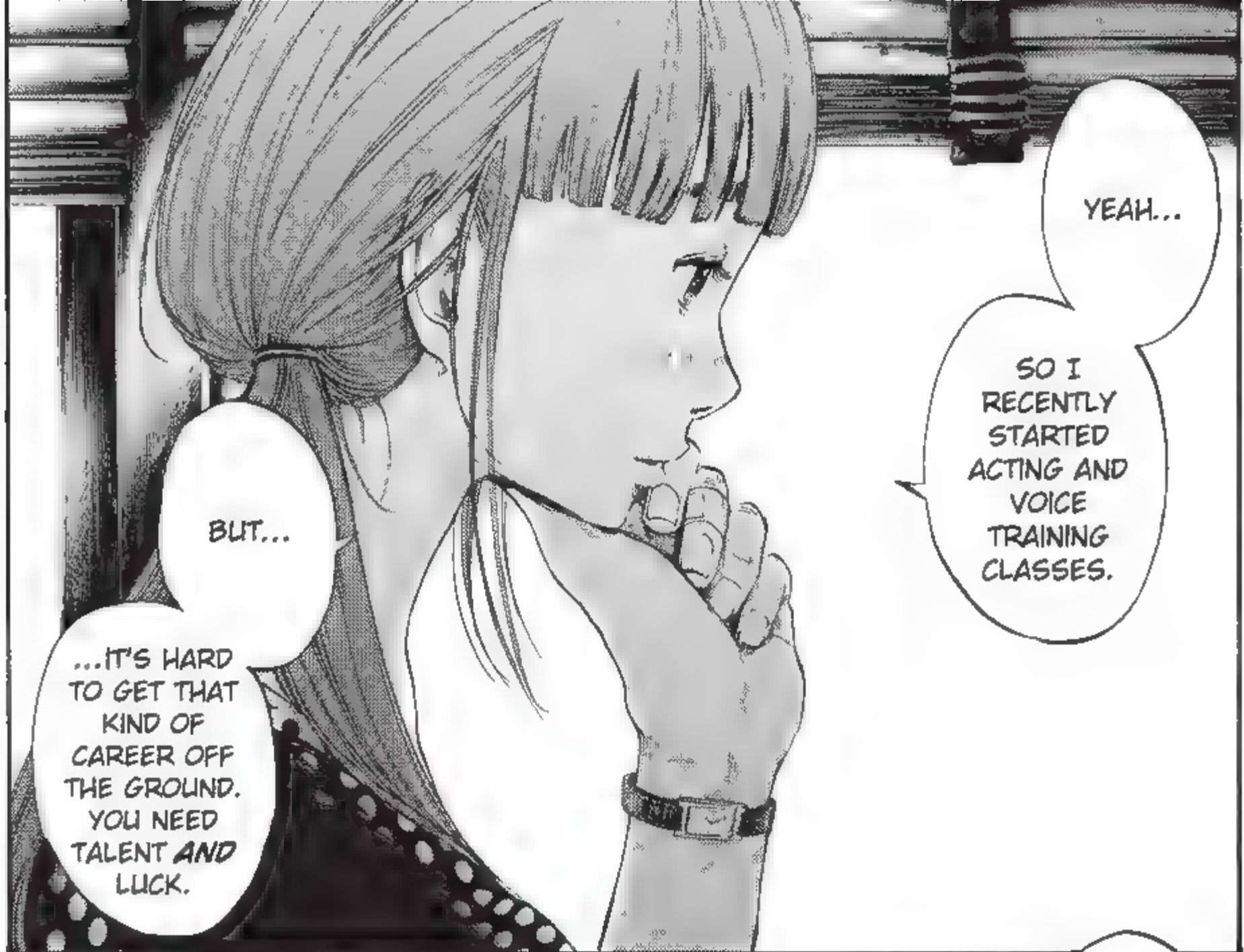










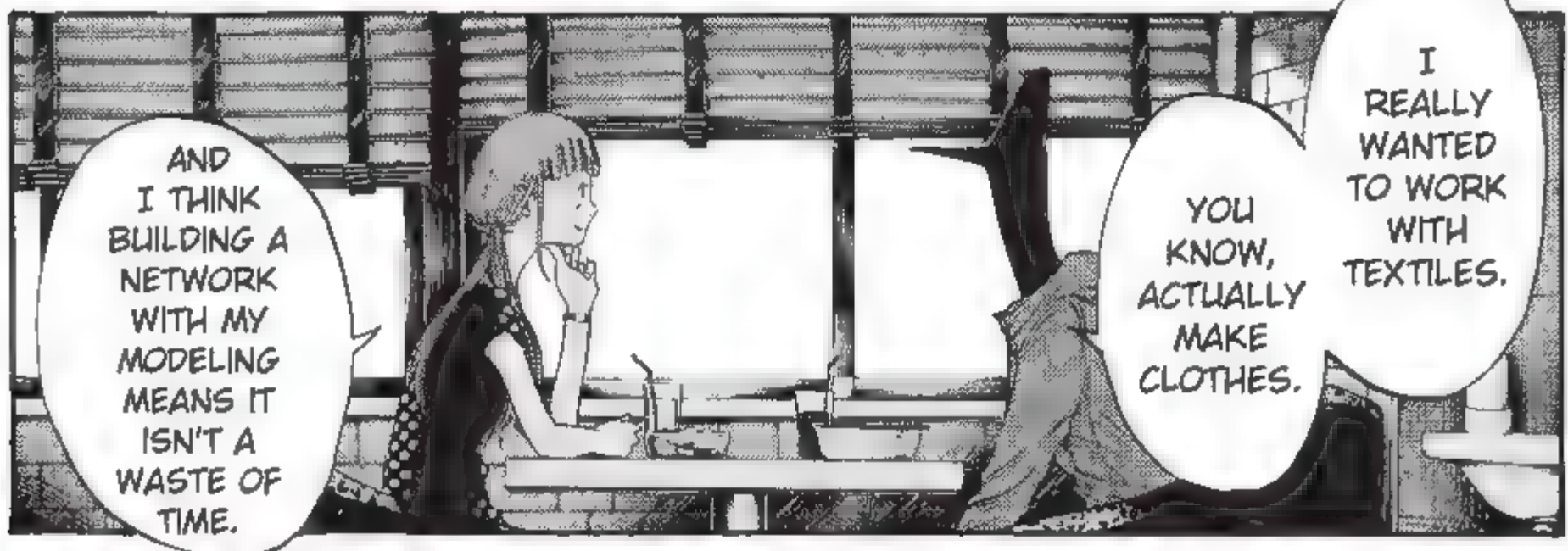


YEAH...

SO I  
RECENTLY  
STARTED  
ACTING AND  
VOICE  
TRAINING  
CLASSES.

BUT...

...IT'S HARD  
TO GET THAT  
KIND OF  
CAREER OFF  
THE GROUND.  
YOU NEED  
TALENT **AND**  
LUCK.



AND  
I THINK  
BUILDING A  
NETWORK  
WITH MY  
MODELING  
MEANS IT  
ISN'T A  
WASTE OF  
TIME.

YOU  
KNOW,  
ACTUALLY  
MAKE  
CLOTHES.

I  
REALLY  
WANTED  
TO WORK  
WITH  
TEXTILES.

"...is  
talking  
to me."

"Aiko..."

...thought...

Punpun  
Onodera  
(a.k.a. Takashi  
Fujikawa)...







NO  
WAY, TOO  
EMBARRASS-  
ING.

HMM?

A  
MAGAZINE  
I'M IN?



...SO I  
GUESS IF  
YOU LOOK,  
YOU'LL  
FIND IT.

BUT IT'S AT  
CONVENIENCE  
STORES...



WAIT...

AREN'T YOU  
HAVING FUN,  
PUNPUN?

"I  
always  
knew  
you'd  
succeed  
in what-  
ever you  
set your  
mind  
to."

"It's  
cool,  
and it  
seems  
like fun.  
I'm en-  
vi-  
ous."

"No  
need  
to be em-  
bar-  
rased."

"Well  
then,  
maybe  
I'll  
secretly  
go  
look  
for it."



"But really, mostly I just play futsal with my buddies from school and stay up all night drinking."

"I thought it was a good idea to get a practical degree, so I'm going for my teacher's certificate."

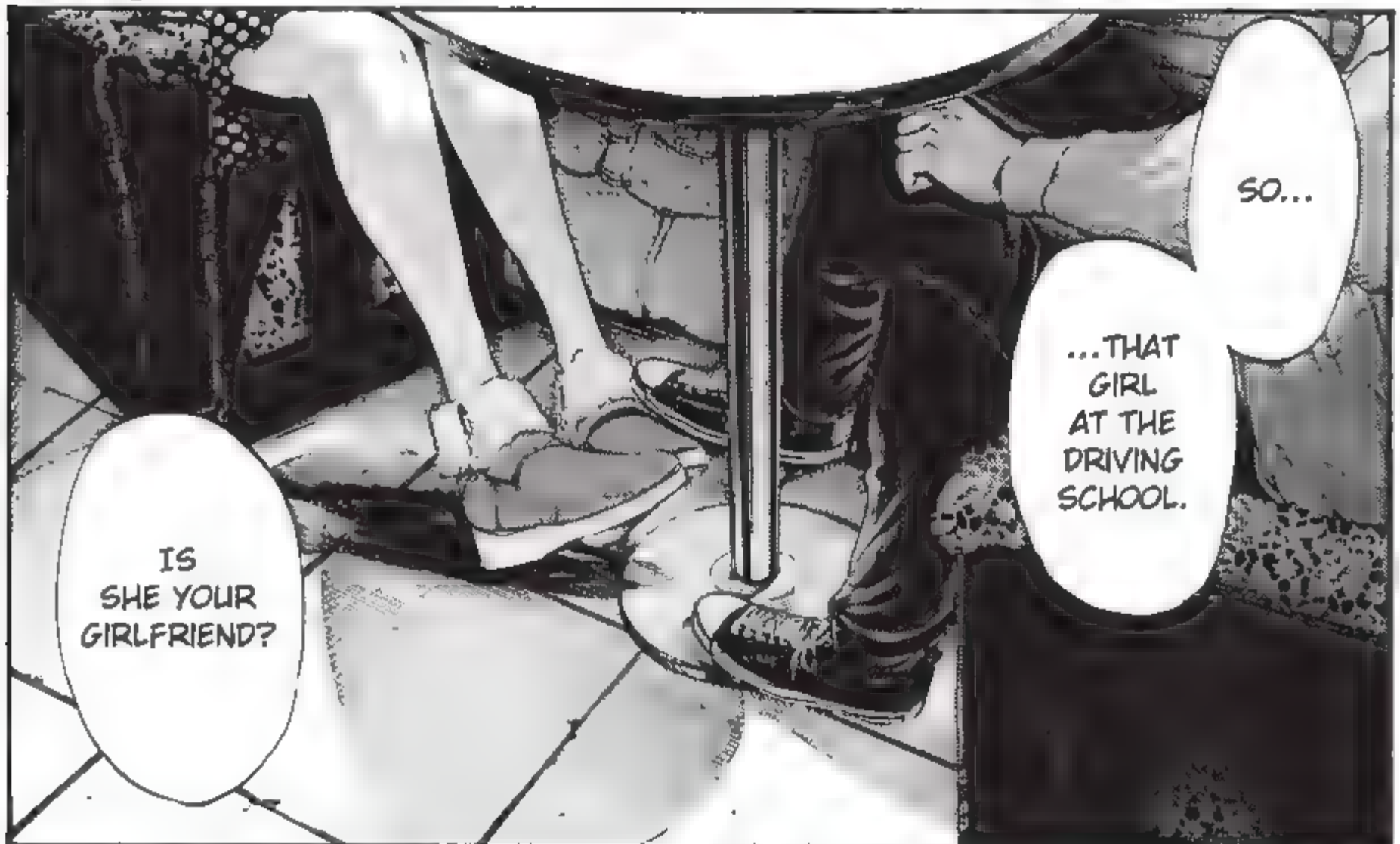
"Well, I'm really just an ordinary college student."



THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN.

OH...

THAT'S GOOD, RIGHT?



IS SHE YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

SO...

...THAT GIRL AT THE DRIVING SCHOOL.

"She's just someone I chat with sometimes."

"No, she's not!"







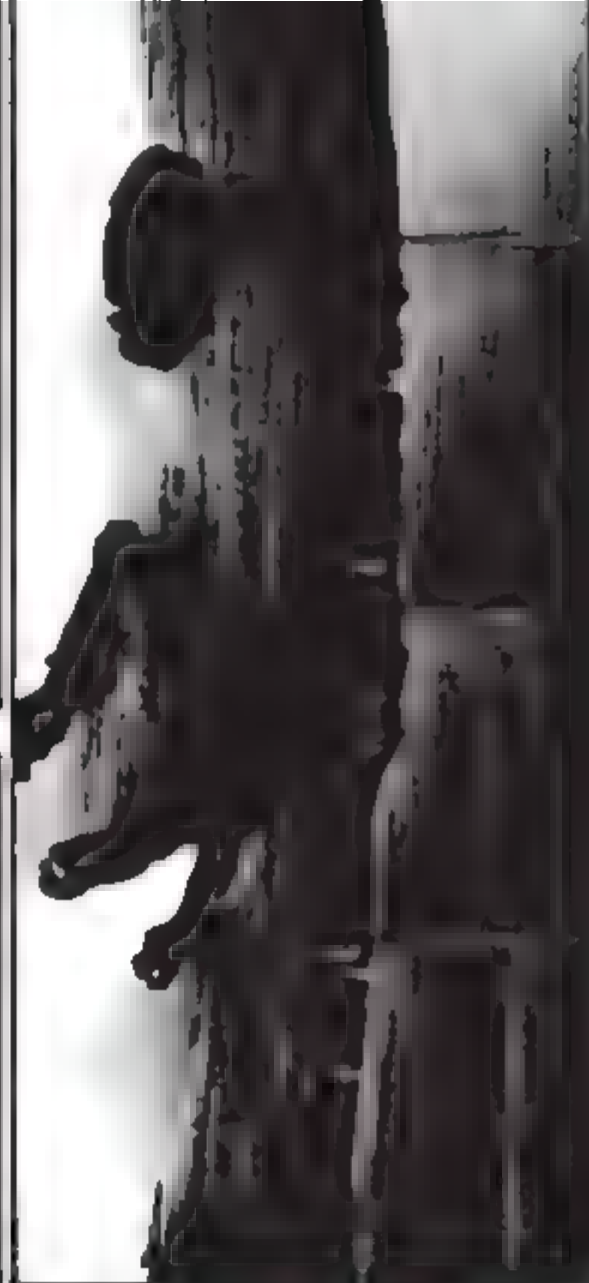


OOOH, A  
YOUNGER  
WOMAN?

WHO  
ASKED  
WHO  
OUT?

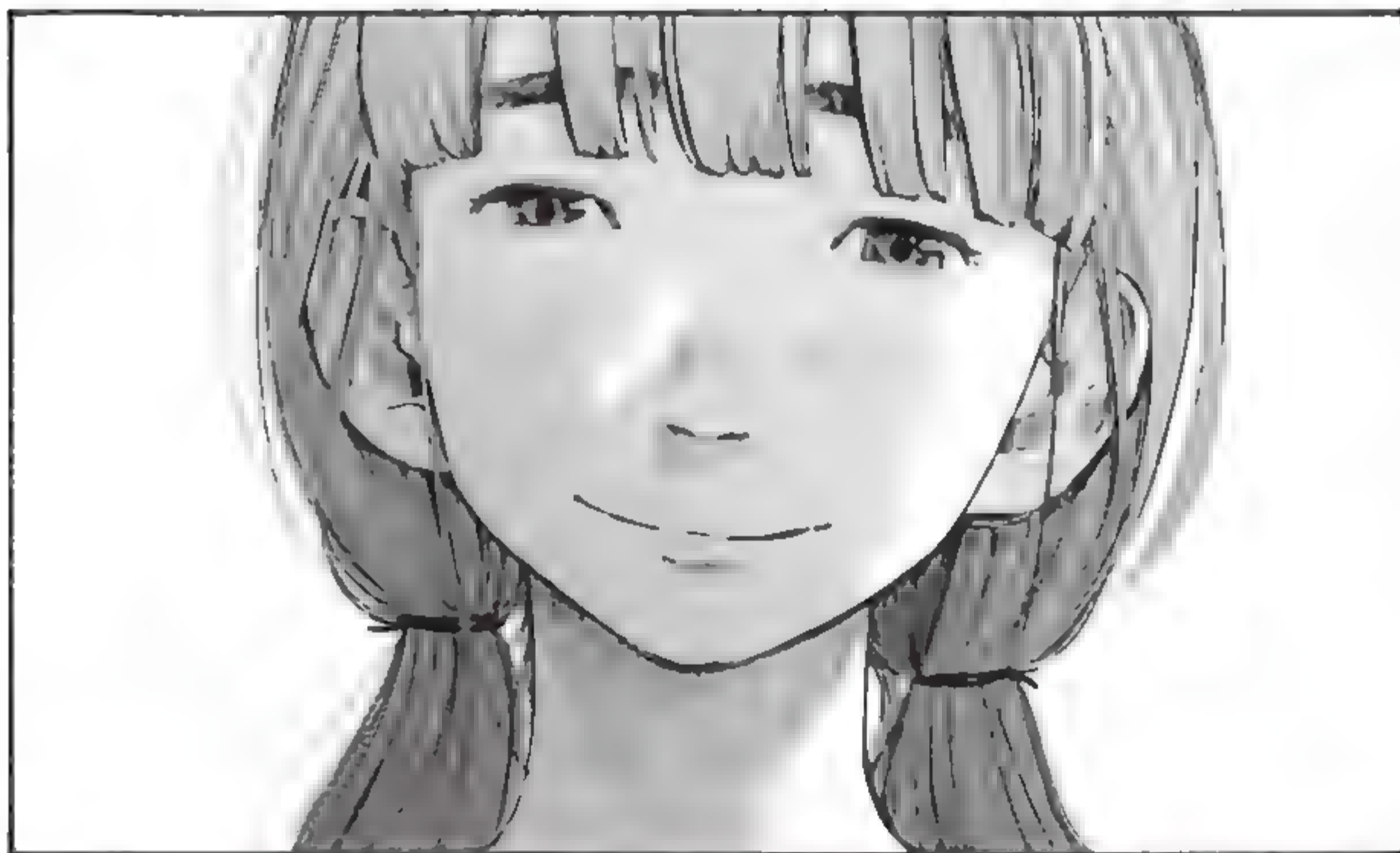
"Umm..."

"...we work  
together.  
She's  
younger."



"I work at a DVD  
rental place, so we're  
both into music and  
movies and we have a  
lot of other things in  
common too. (laugh)

"Well, it's not  
really a big  
deal. I guess  
the timing was  
just right."



"You know, I don't  
mind taking care of  
people, and I don't  
really have much  
of a libido, so the  
no-sex thing is ac-  
tually working out  
pretty well! (roars)"

"She's got  
chronic mild  
depression,  
and being  
considerate  
all the time  
takes its toll  
on a guy."

"But we've  
been going  
out for about  
a year and a  
half, so we've  
kind of hit  
a rut."





HEE  
HEE.  
BUT...

...IT SOUNDS  
LIKE YOU GUYS  
ARE GETTING  
ALONG JUST  
FINE. THAT'S  
GREAT.

HEEEY!!

I NEVER  
ASKED  
ABOUT YOUR  
SEX LIFE!

"...you  
must have  
no trouble  
finding  
guys."

"With a  
job like  
yours..."

"How  
about  
you?"



HUH?

WE  
BROKE UP  
AGES AGO,  
WHEN WE  
WERE IN  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL.

WOW,  
WHAT A  
BLAST FROM  
THE PAST!  
YOU'VE GOT  
A GREAT  
MEMORY,  
PUNPUN.

"Uh...  
What  
about  
Yaguchi?"



UHM...

IT'S NOT  
REALLY  
LIKE THAT.





COME CLOSER.

"I thought you guys looked good together."

"Oh..."



I'VE WANTED TO ASK YOU SINCE WE FIRST GOT HERE...

NEVER MIND THAT.



THAT'S ...

...A DUDE, RIGHT?



THEY'LL KICK US OUT!

...SSSH, SSSH.

HEE  
HEE  
HEE...



WELL...

...and from  
time to time,  
she would  
burst out  
laughing.

Aiko's  
expression  
changed  
constantly...



I'M A  
LITTLE  
SPOILED,  
AND IT'S  
NICE TO  
HAVE  
SOMEONE  
CALL ME  
OUT.

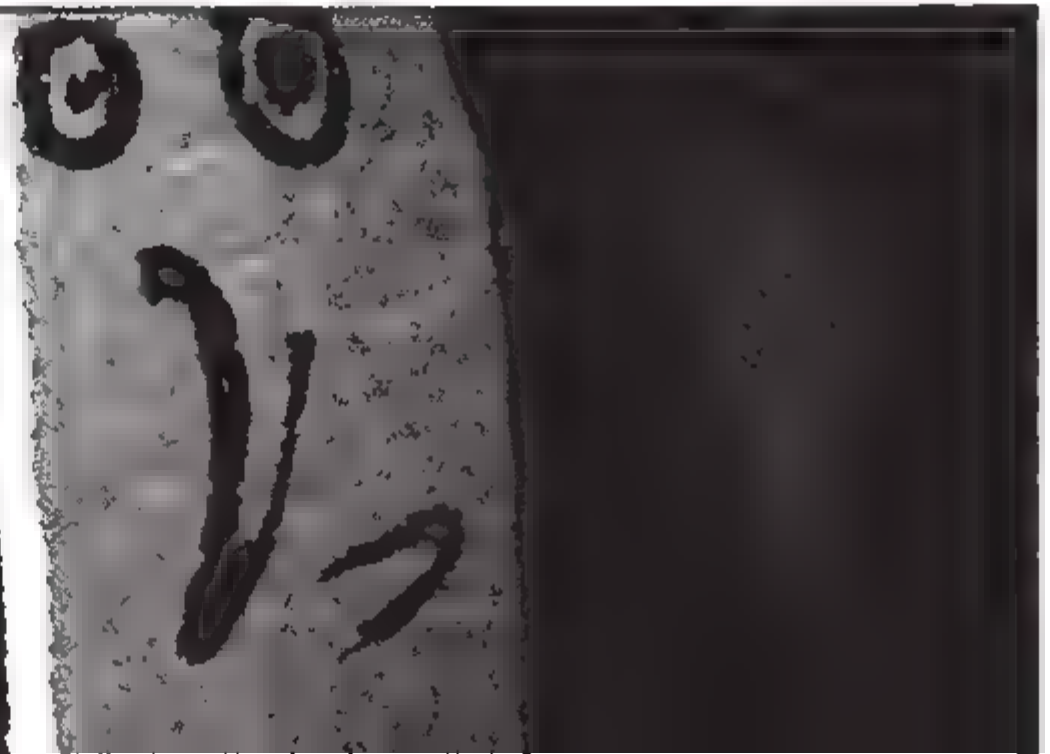
I HAVEN'T  
ALWAYS BEEN  
INTO GUYS WHO  
HAVE THEIR  
LIVES ALL  
PLANNED OUT,  
BUT I RESPECT  
WHAT HE'S GOT  
GOING.

OH, BUT  
HE'S NOT  
RICH. HE  
WORKS AT  
A SMALL  
COMPANY.

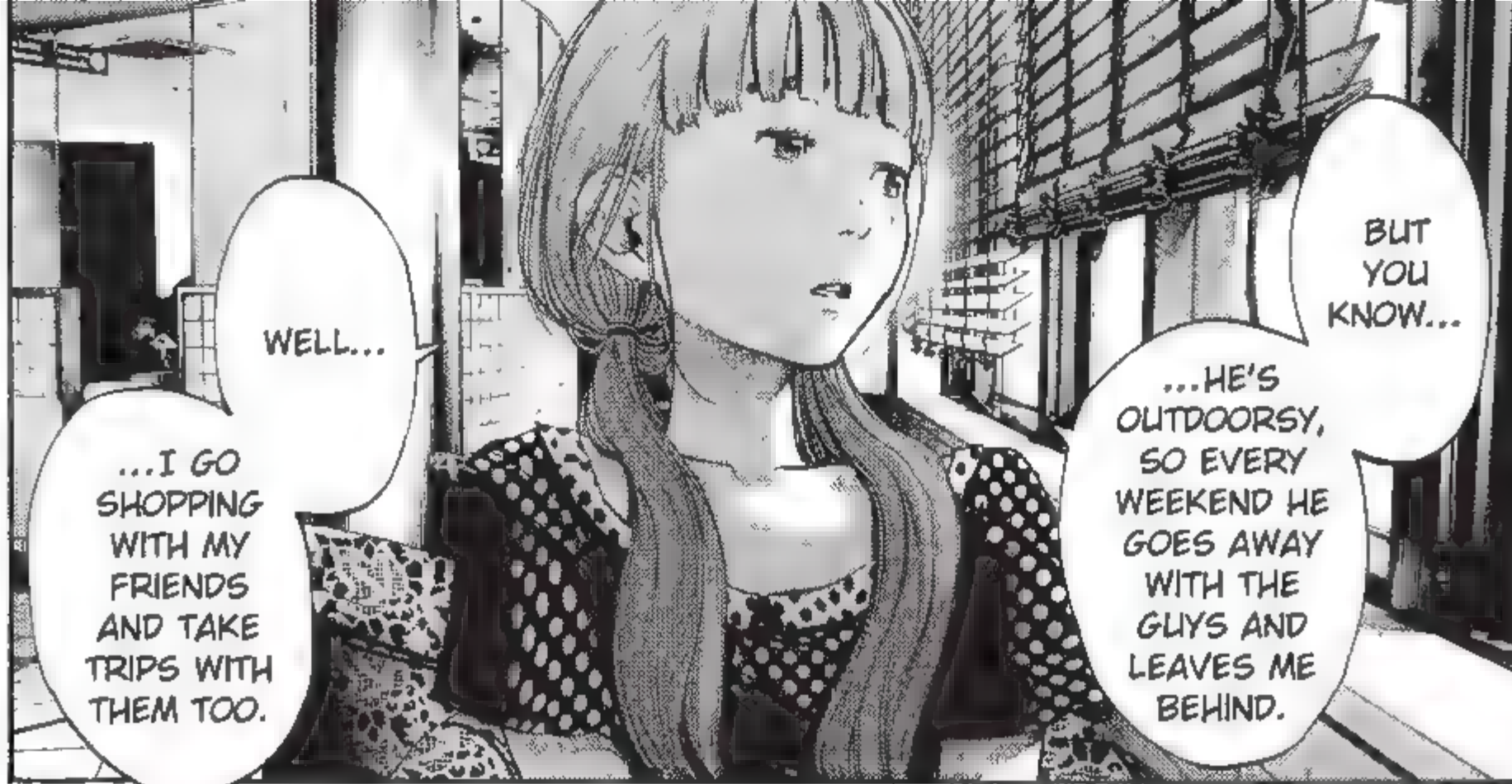
MY  
CURRENT  
BOYFRIEND  
IS REALLY  
DIFFERENT  
THAN  
YAGUCHI.

HE'S A  
LOT OLDER  
THAN ME, SO  
OBVIOUSLY HE'S  
A LOT MORE  
UNDERSTANDING  
AND HAS MORE  
COMMON  
SENSE.

HA  
HA  
HA!







Just  
like any  
ordinary  
girl.

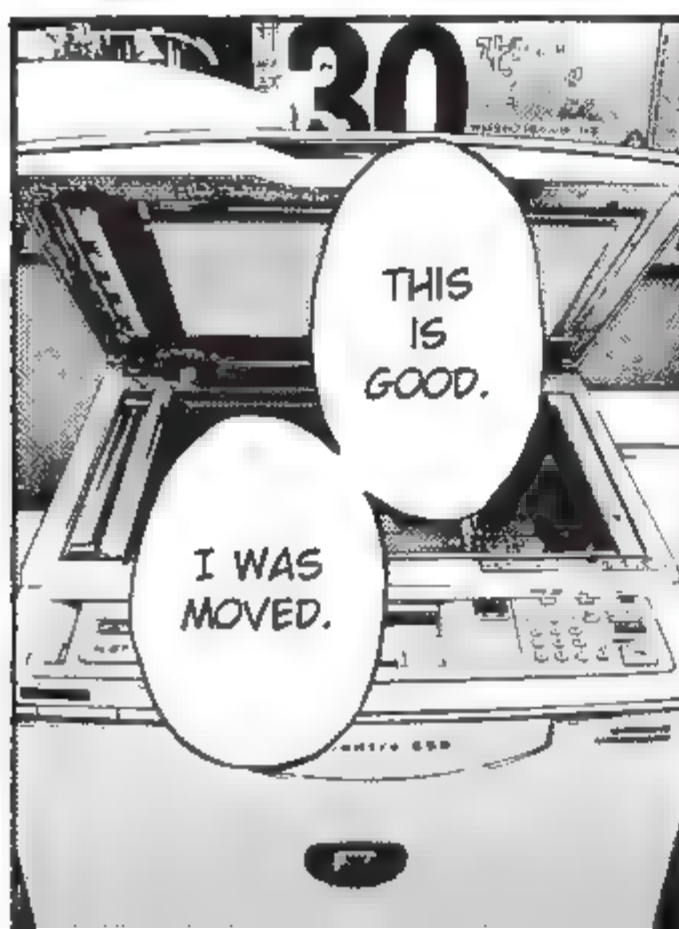


No, any  
ordinary  
**stupid**  
girl.

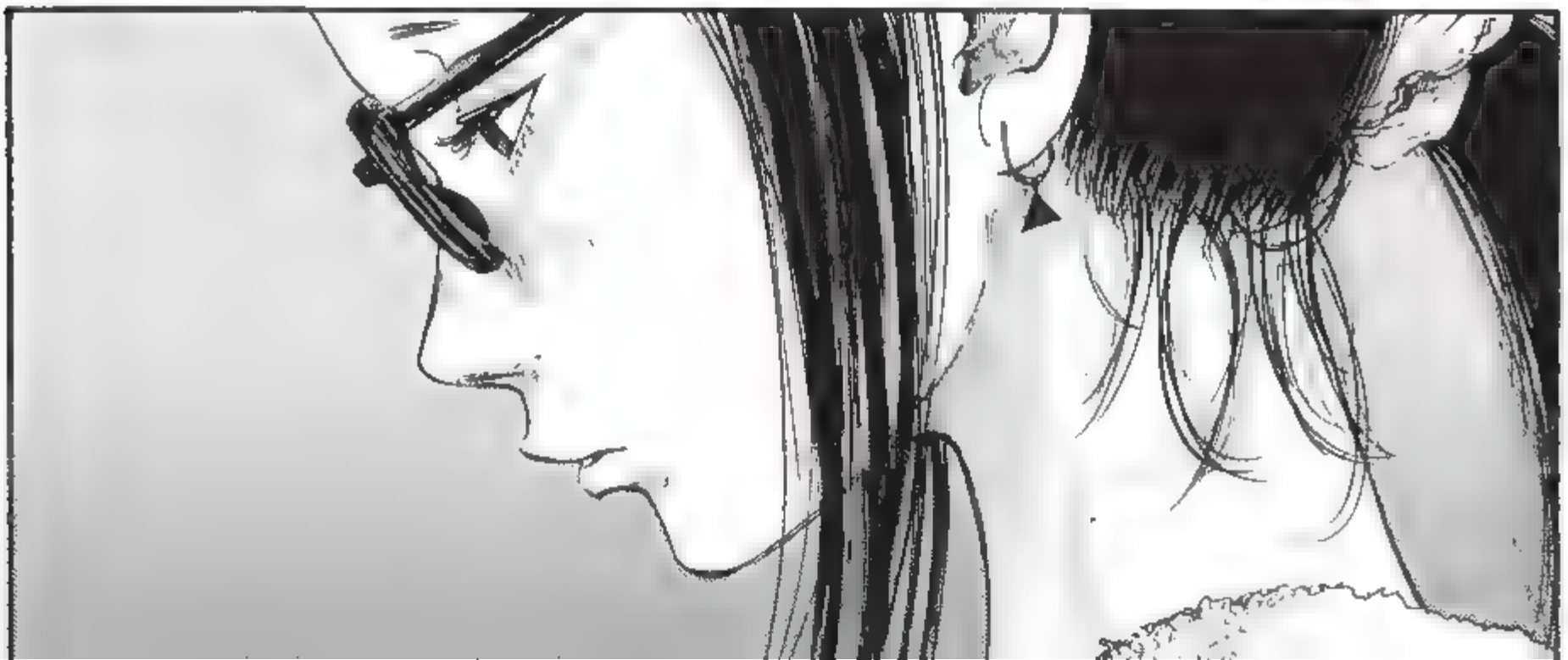




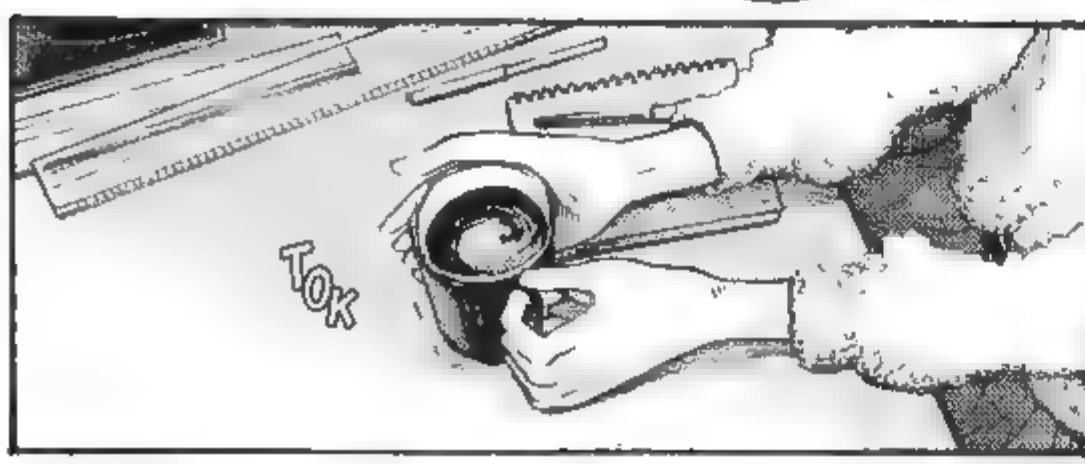
This  
wasn't  
Aiko.



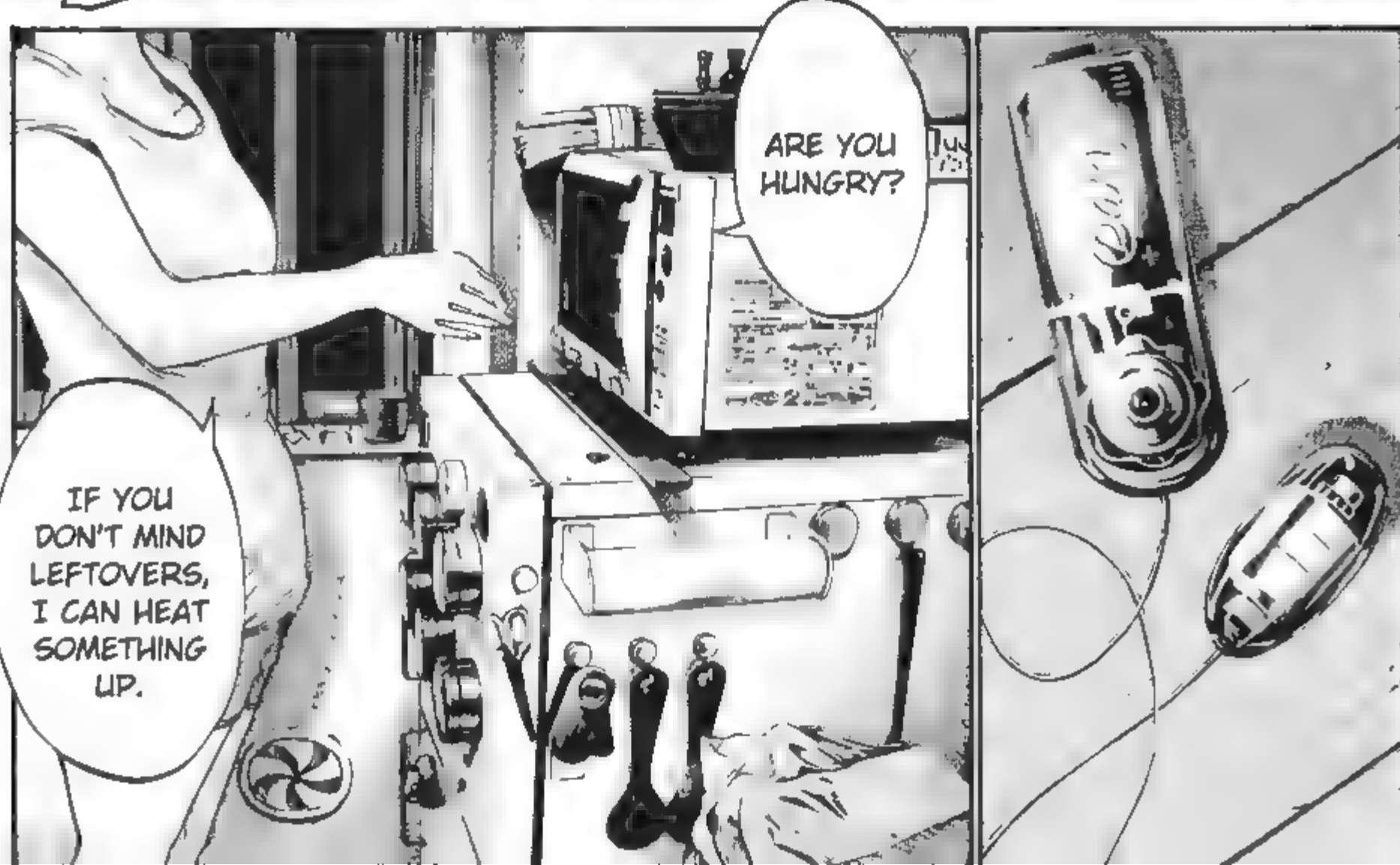
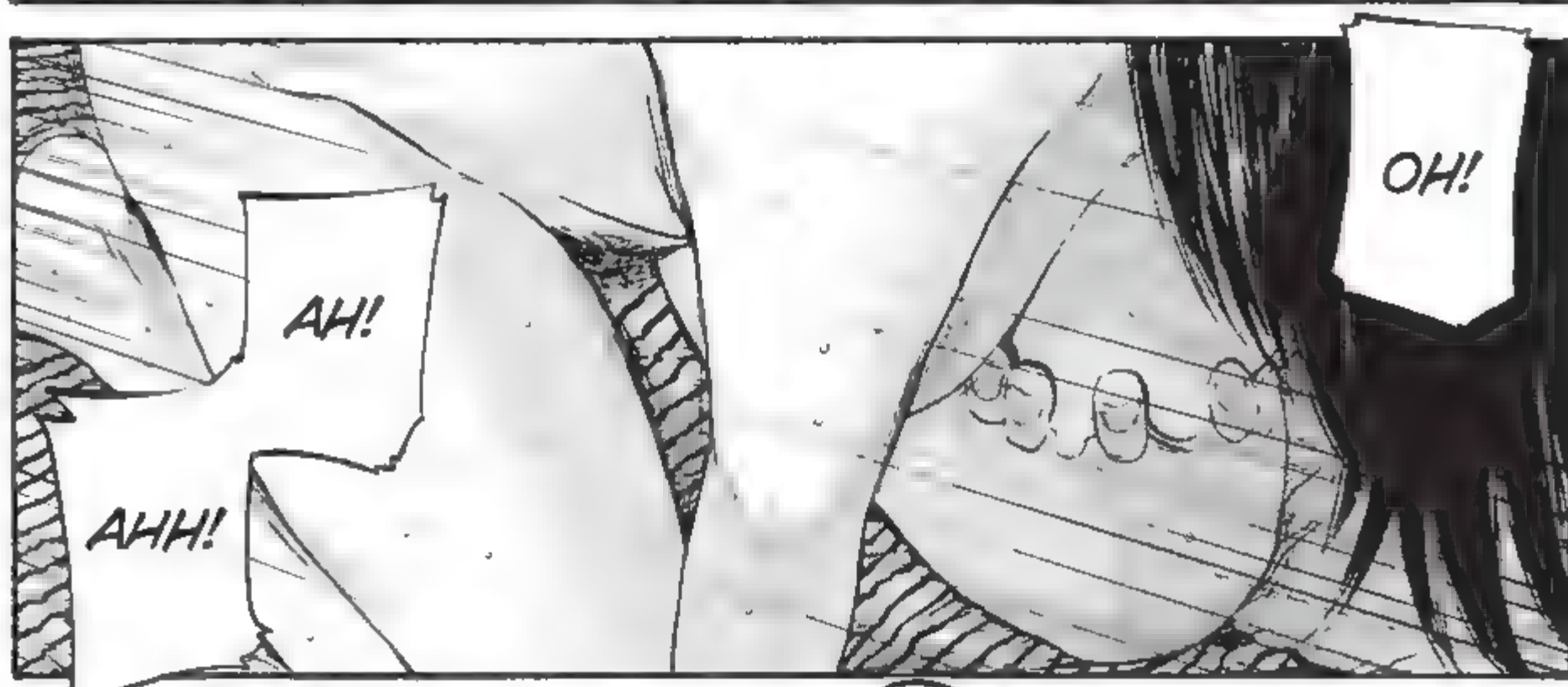




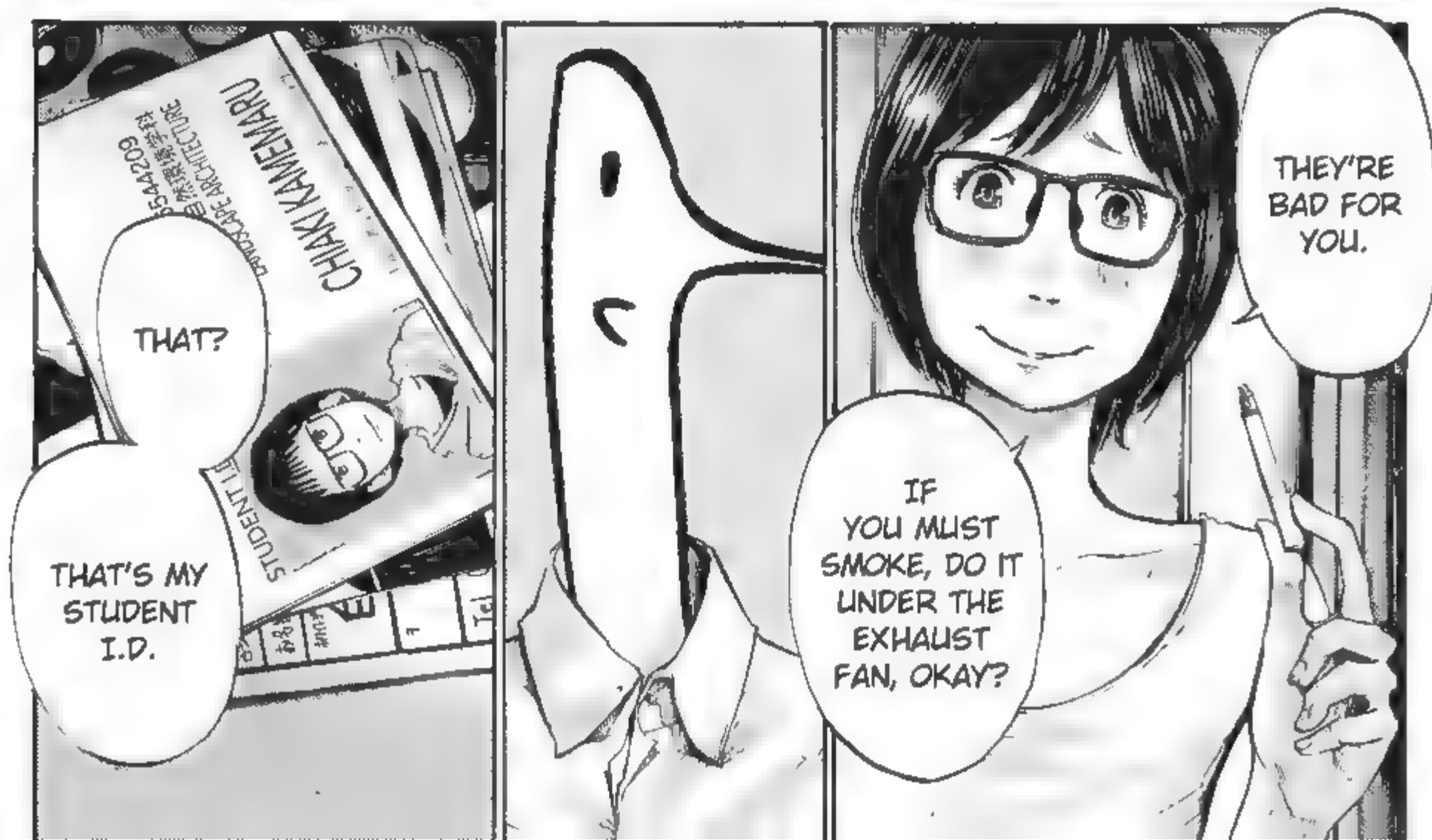
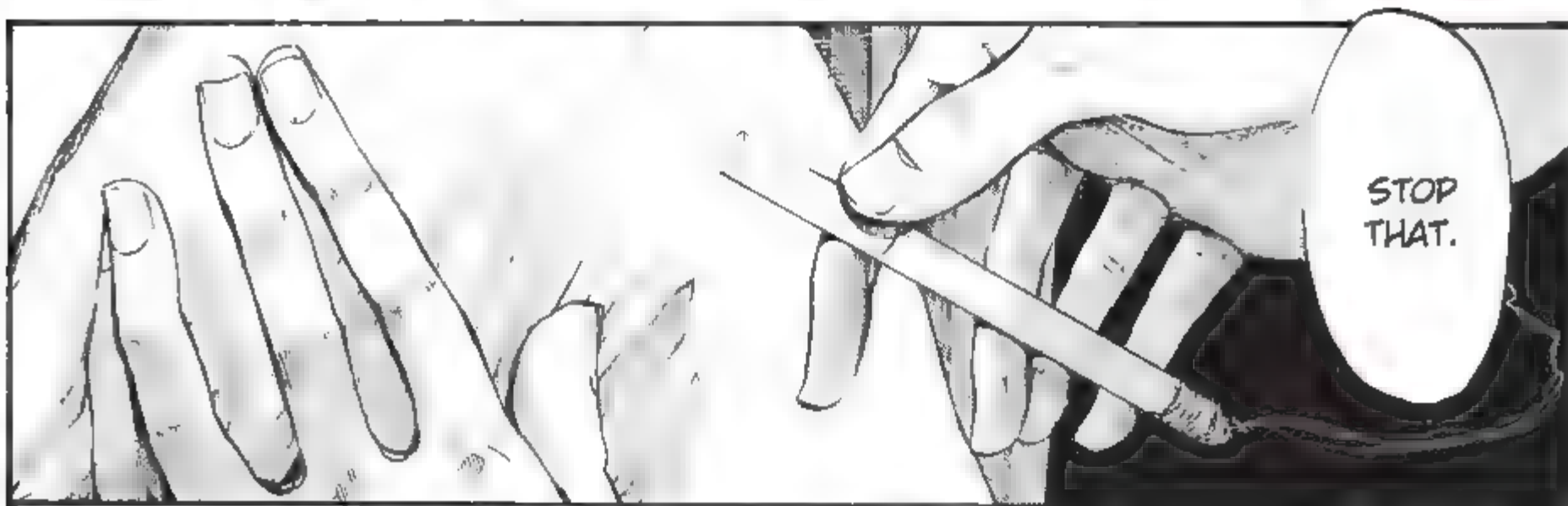




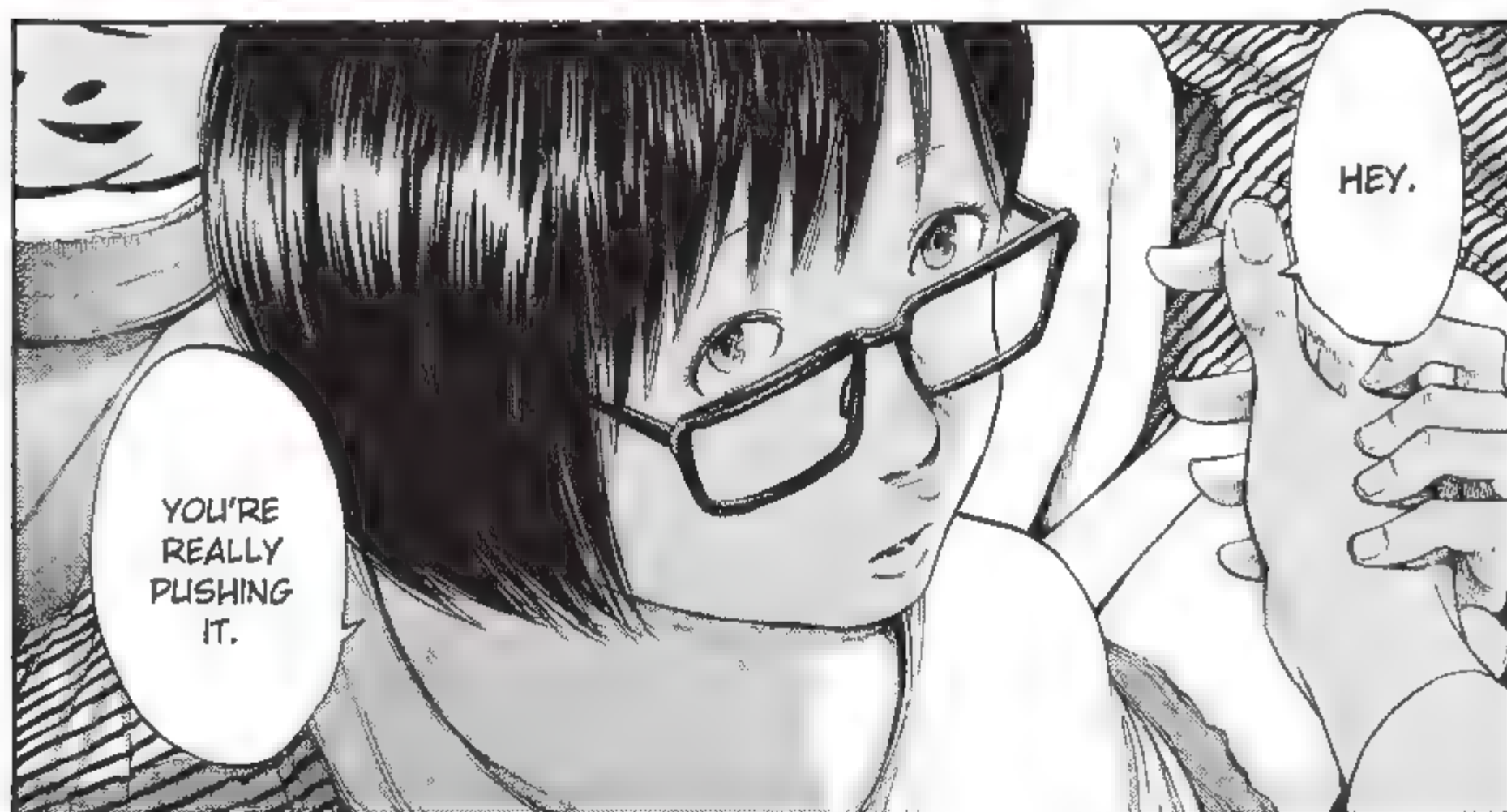
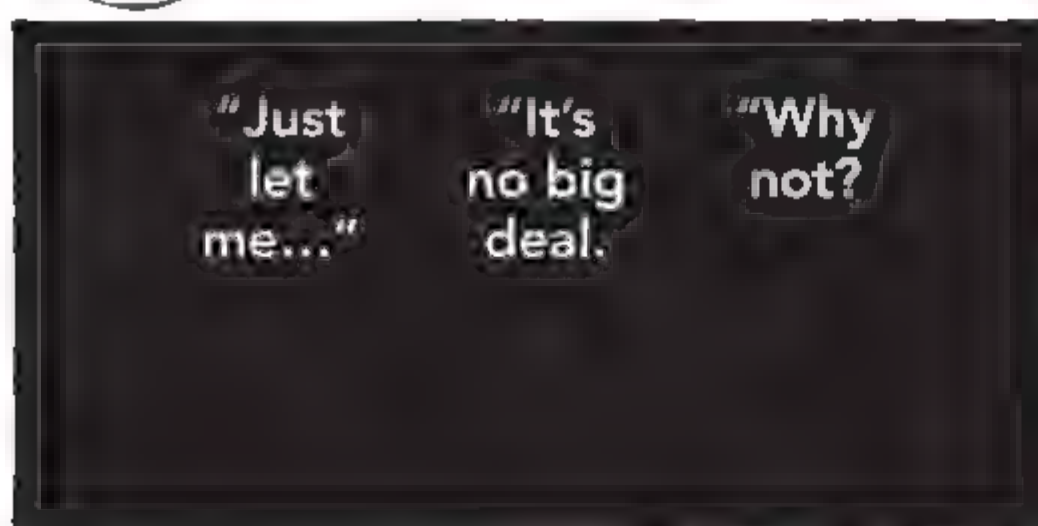
















I ALREADY  
CLEANED UP,  
SO SOME  
OTHER TIME,  
OKAY?

NOPE  
...

KON



HMM?

WHAT?

YOU  
WANT  
TO DO IT  
AGAIN?

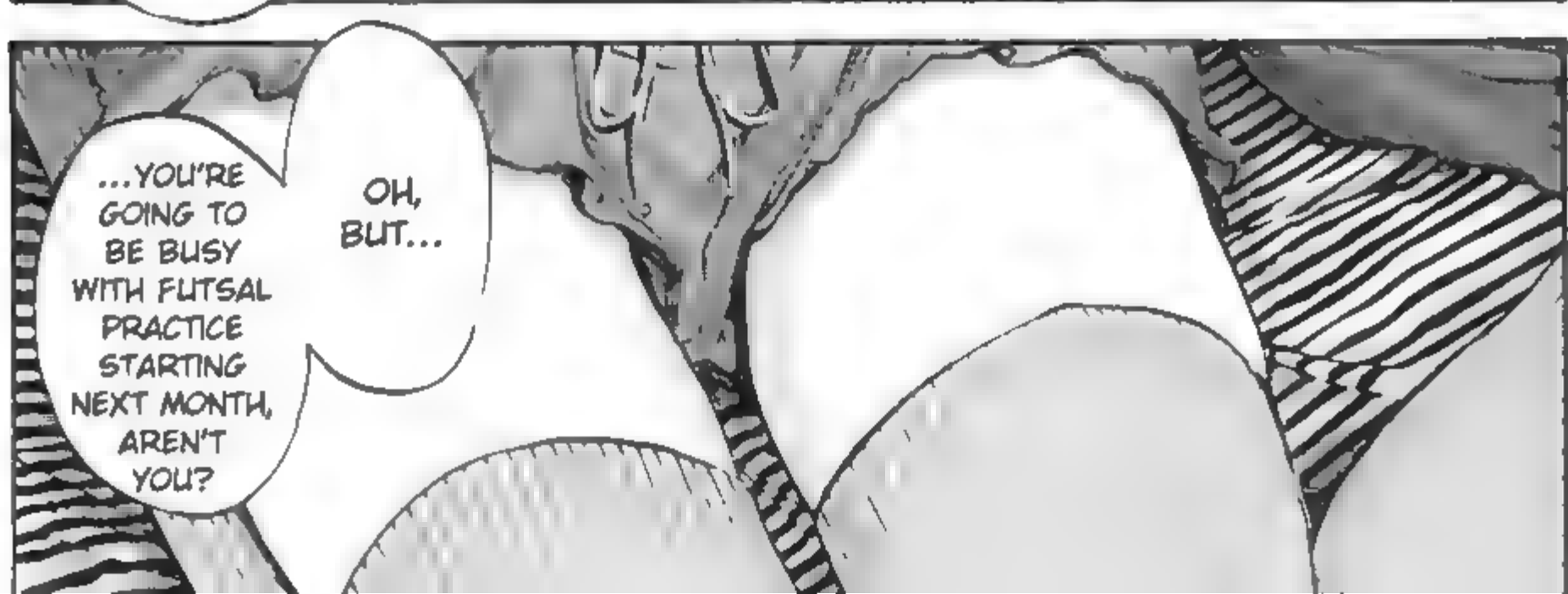


OH YEAH,  
MY MOM'S  
COMING  
AGAIN NEXT  
MONTH.

SHE FIGURES  
I'LL HAVE MY  
LICENSE BY  
THEN, SO SHE  
WANTS TO GO  
FOR A DRIVE.

YOU  
WANT  
TO COME  
TOO,  
TAKA?

YOU  
SHOULD  
MEET MY  
MOM. SHE  
IS SUPER  
FUNNY.



...YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
BE BUSY  
WITH FUTSAL  
PRACTICE  
STARTING  
NEXT MONTH,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

OH,  
BUT...



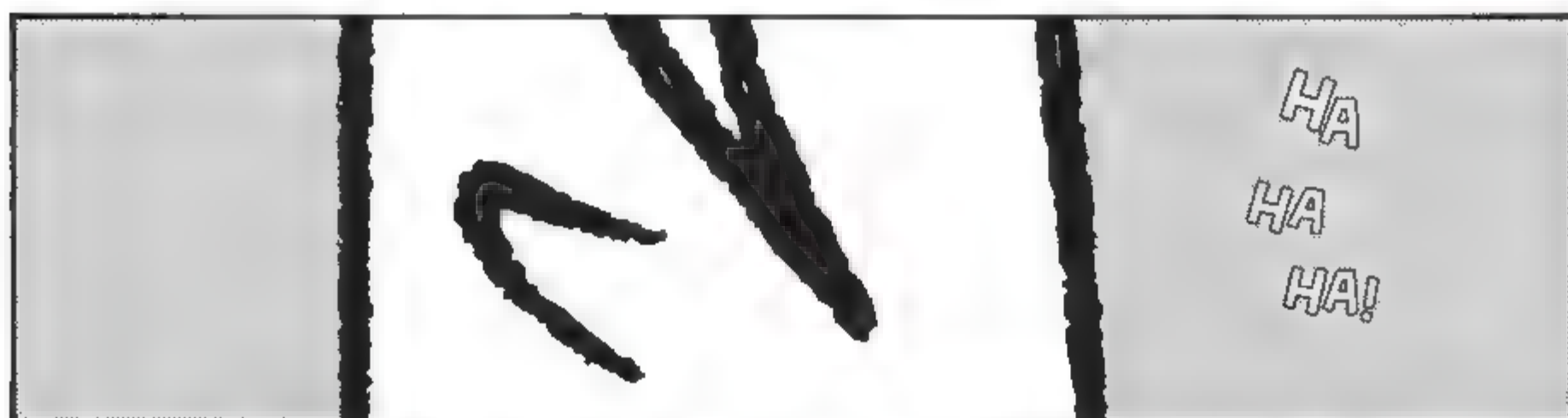


NEXT TIME  
YOU HAVE A  
GAME, I'LL  
MAKE LUNCH  
AND COME  
CHEER YOU  
ON.

I WANT TO  
MEET YOUR  
FRIENDS.

...BUT  
OFFSIDE  
IS REALLY  
IMPORTANT,  
RIGHT?

I DON'T  
REALLY  
UNDER-  
STAND  
SOCCER  
...



HA  
HA  
HA!



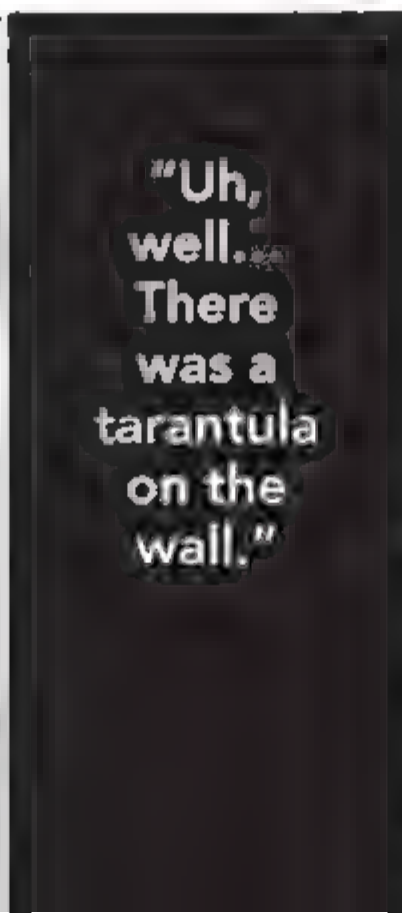
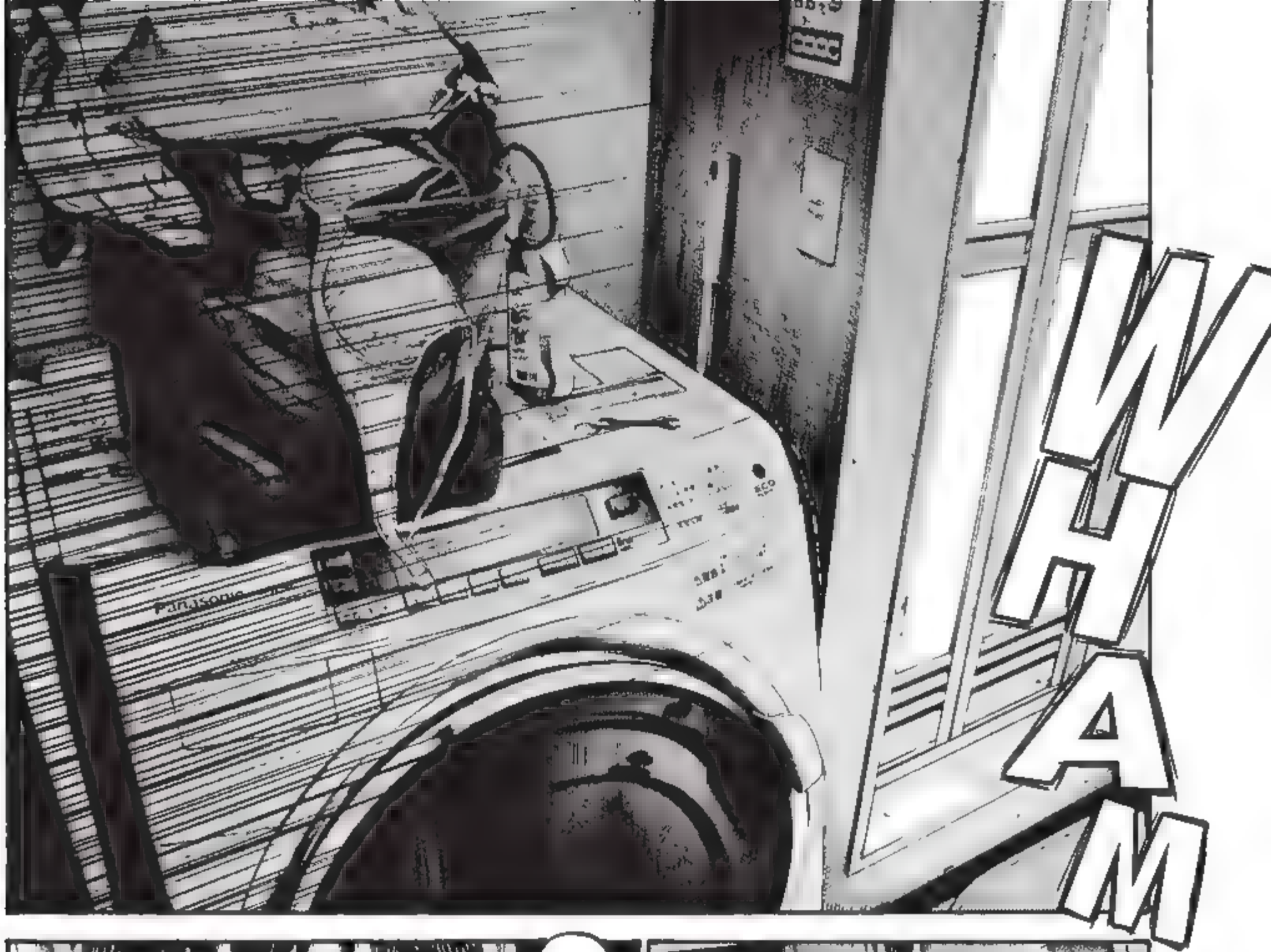
...BE A  
GOOD  
MATCH.

WE  
MUST...



I DIDN'T  
THINK WE'D  
HIT IT OFF  
SO WELL  
SO  
QUICKLY...

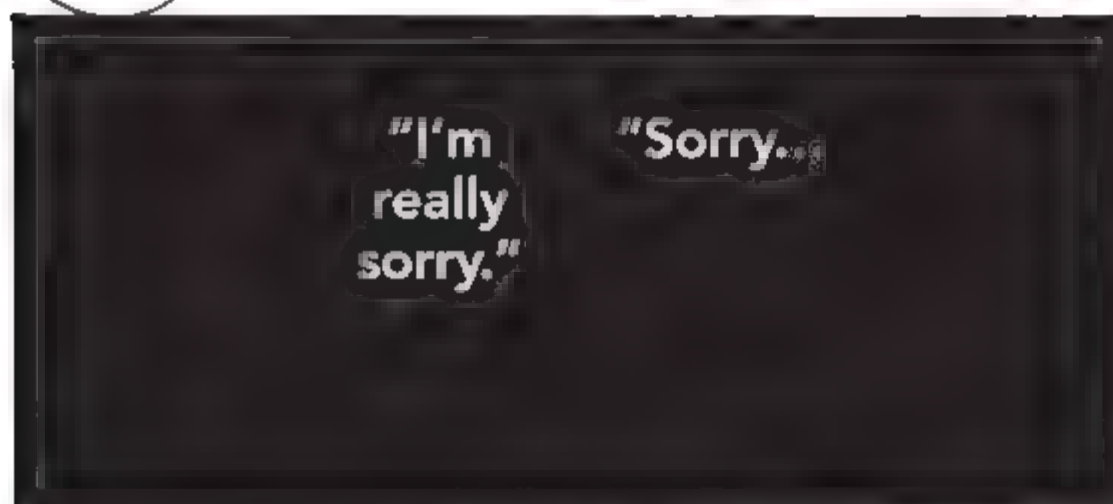




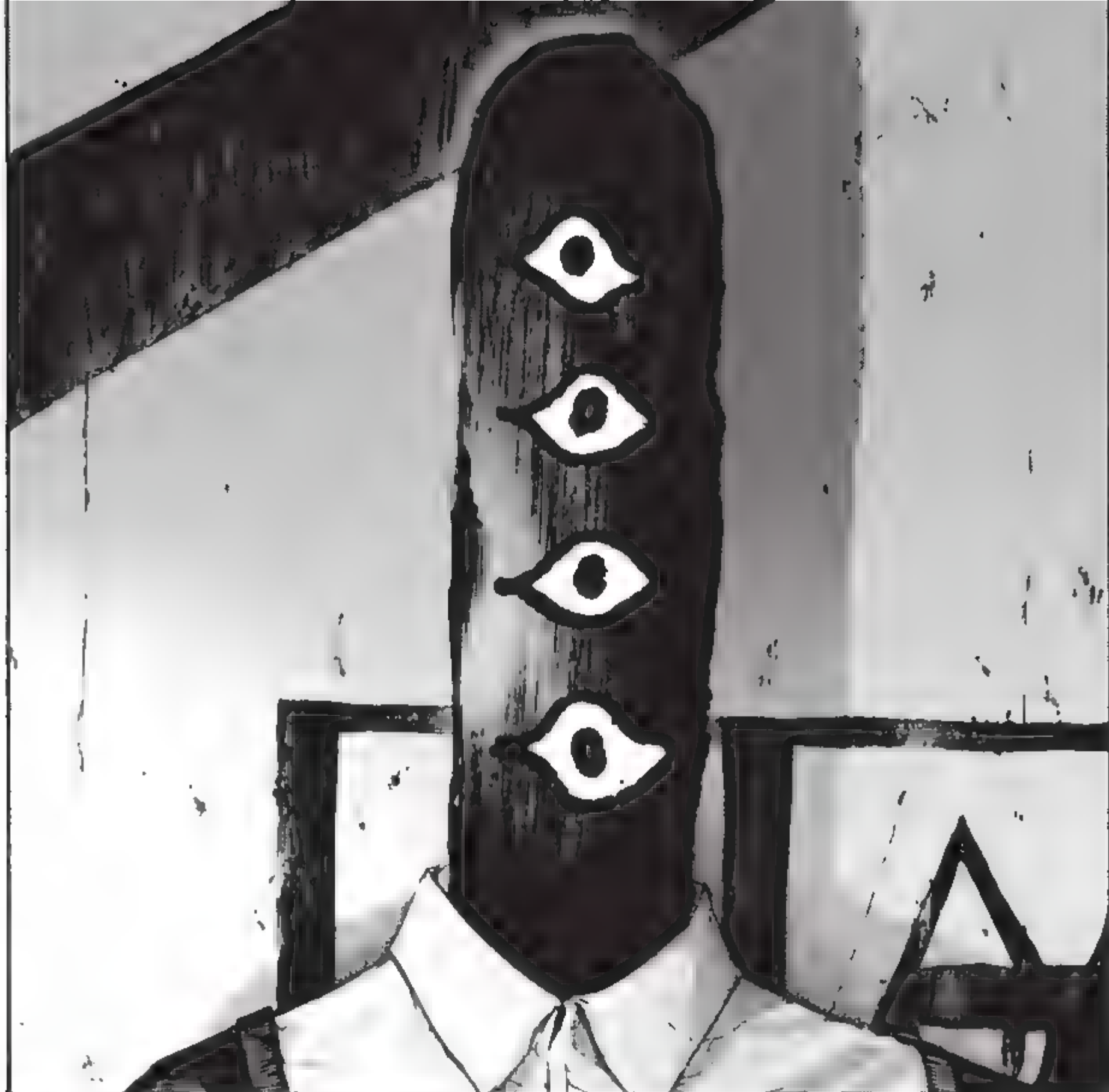




"Oh, look how well my fingers slide against the wall, so smoothly, gracefully and reliably."

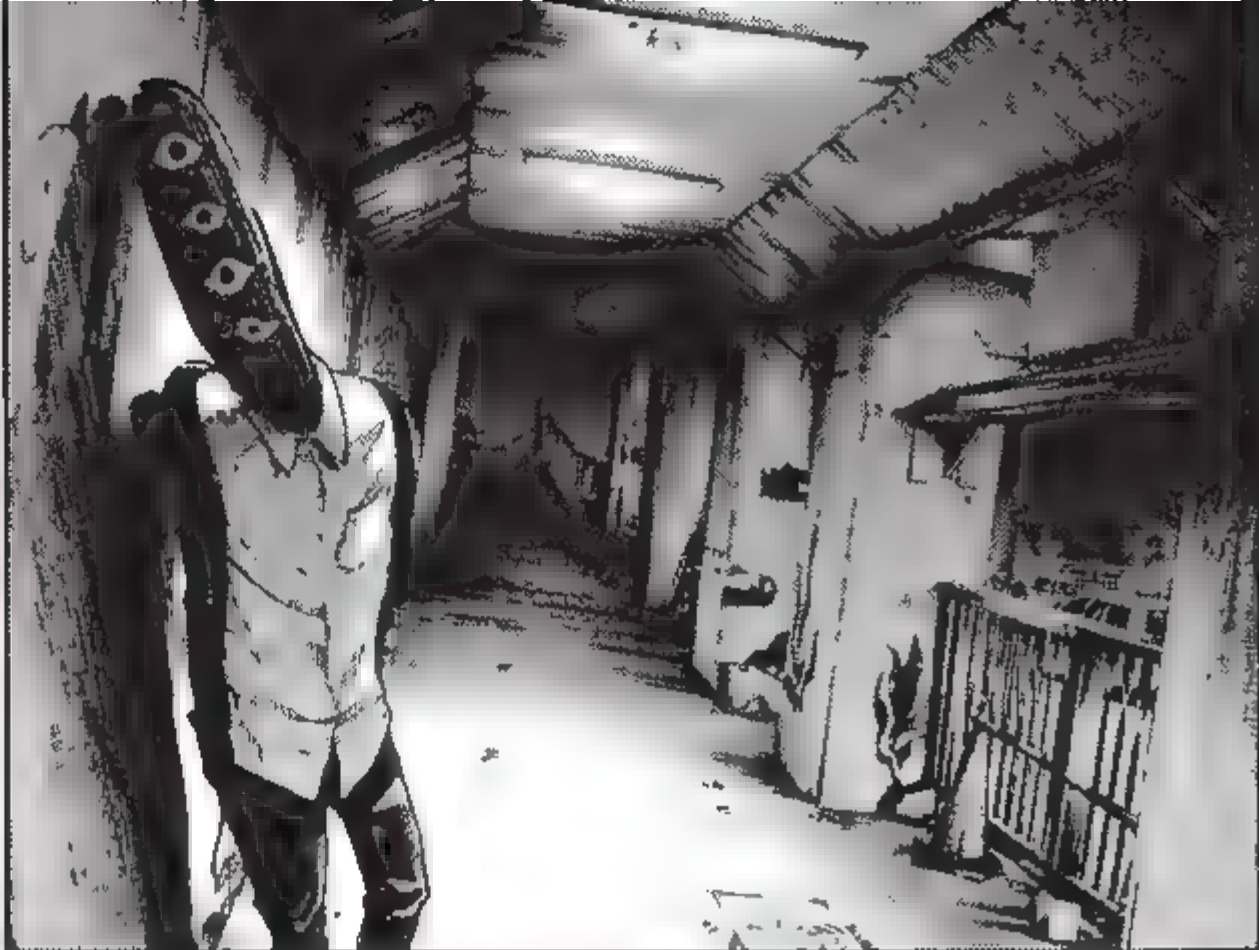








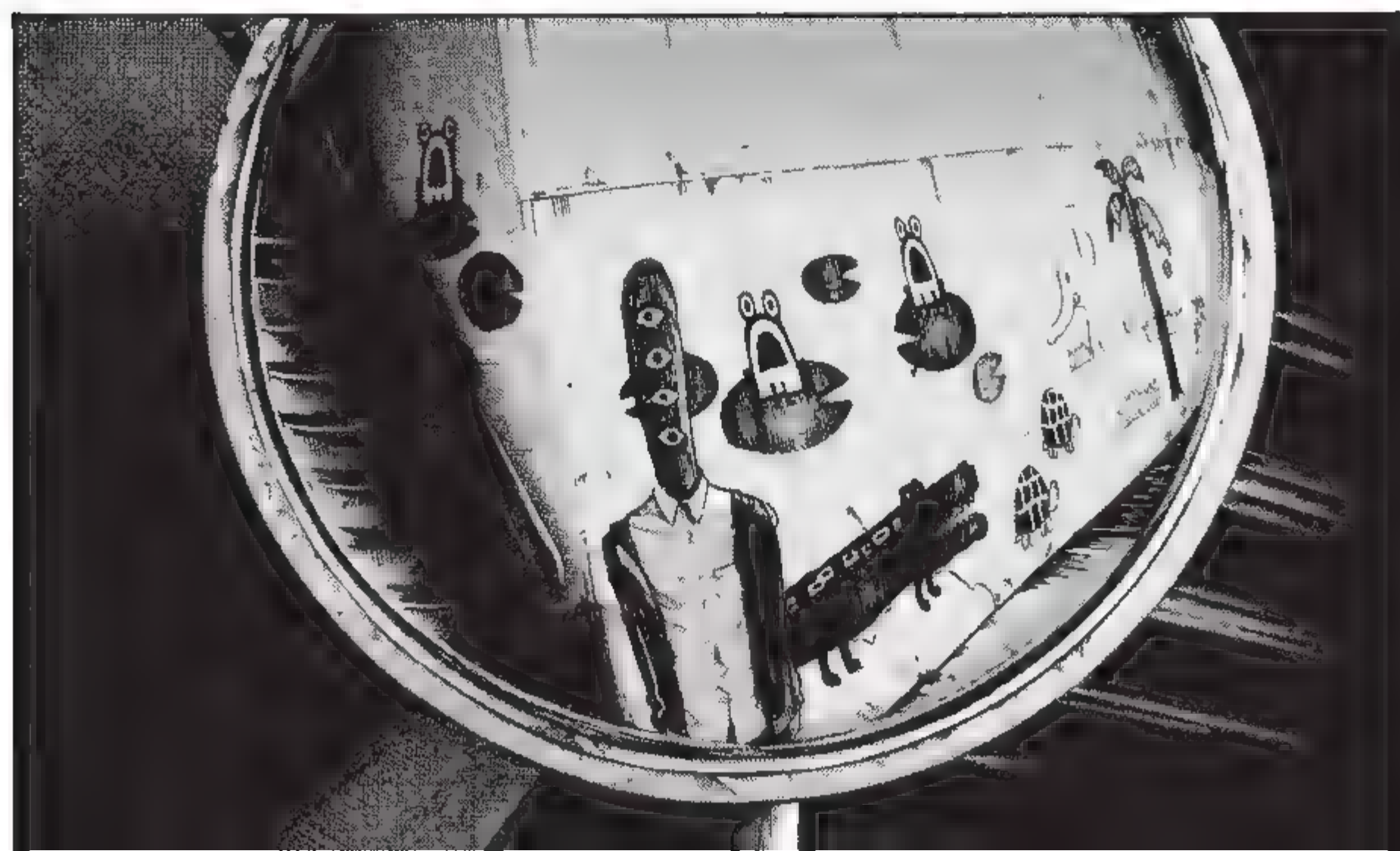
"It's  
not like  
that at  
all."



...what  
Punpun  
thought.

That's...

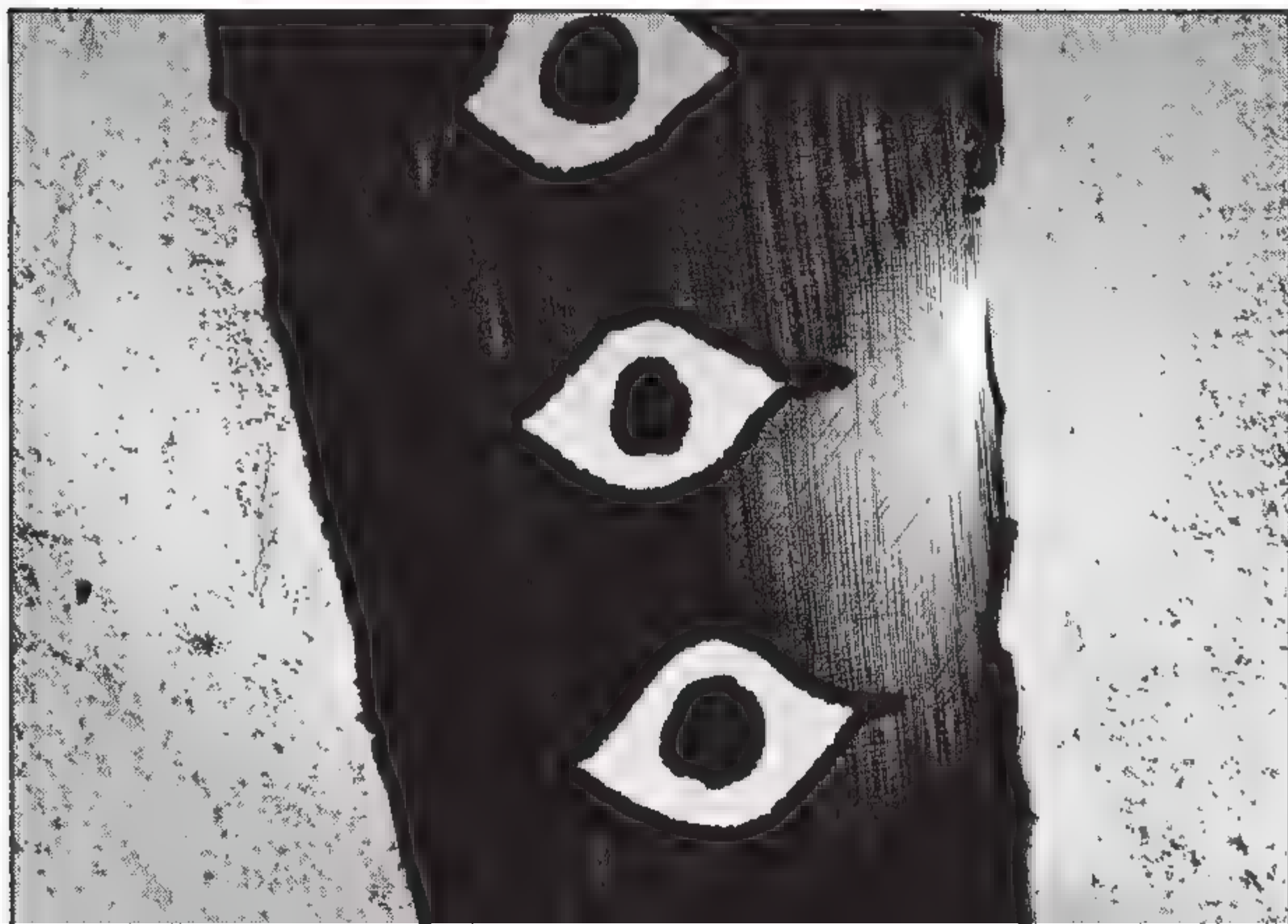








"...what  
my face  
looks  
like?"





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Well, the  
you that  
you are  
*now is*  
all the  
you that  
there is.

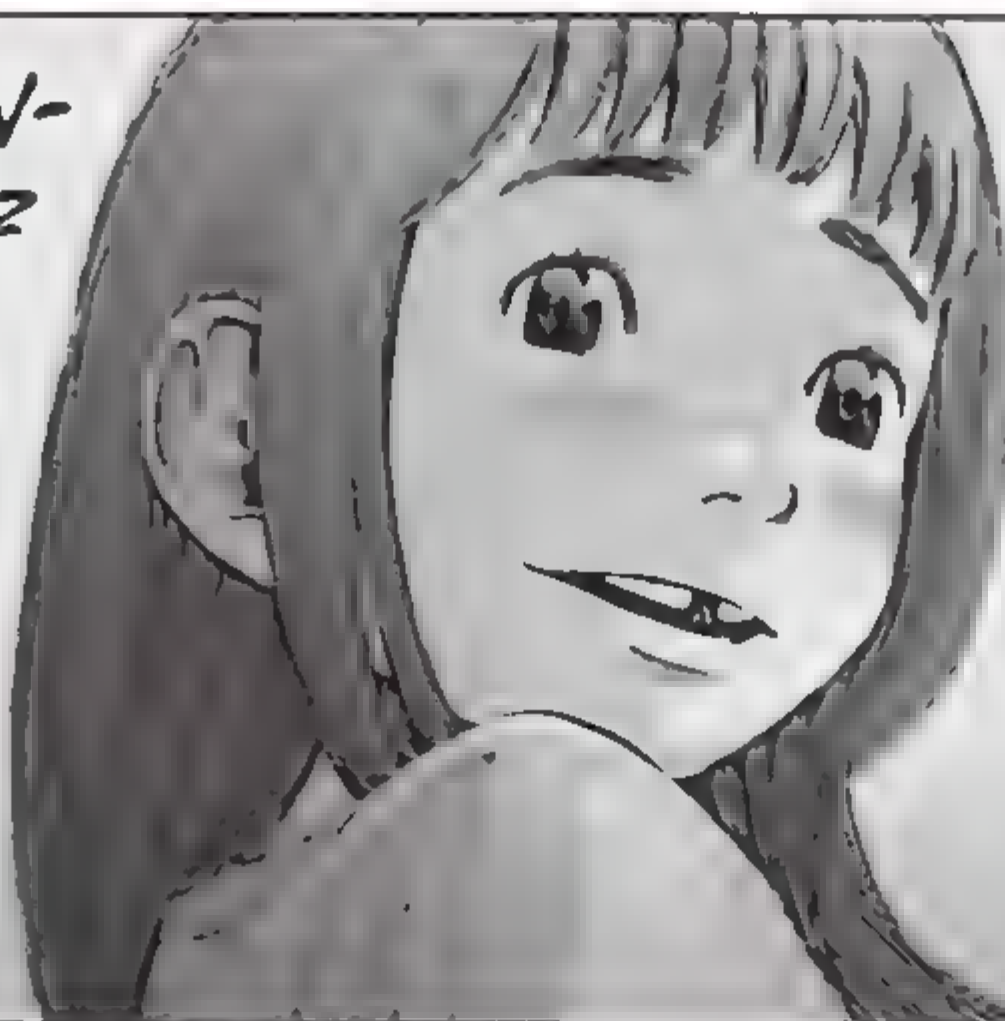
"In a few  
years we'll  
run out of  
oil, the  
environ-  
ment will  
be  
destroyed  
and...it'll  
be over for  
humanity."

When  
we were  
kids,  
Aiko  
used to  
say...

While  
Aiko easily  
achieved  
her dream,  
like nothing  
happened.

I believed  
her, and  
**this** is how I  
ended up.

...PUN-  
PUN?

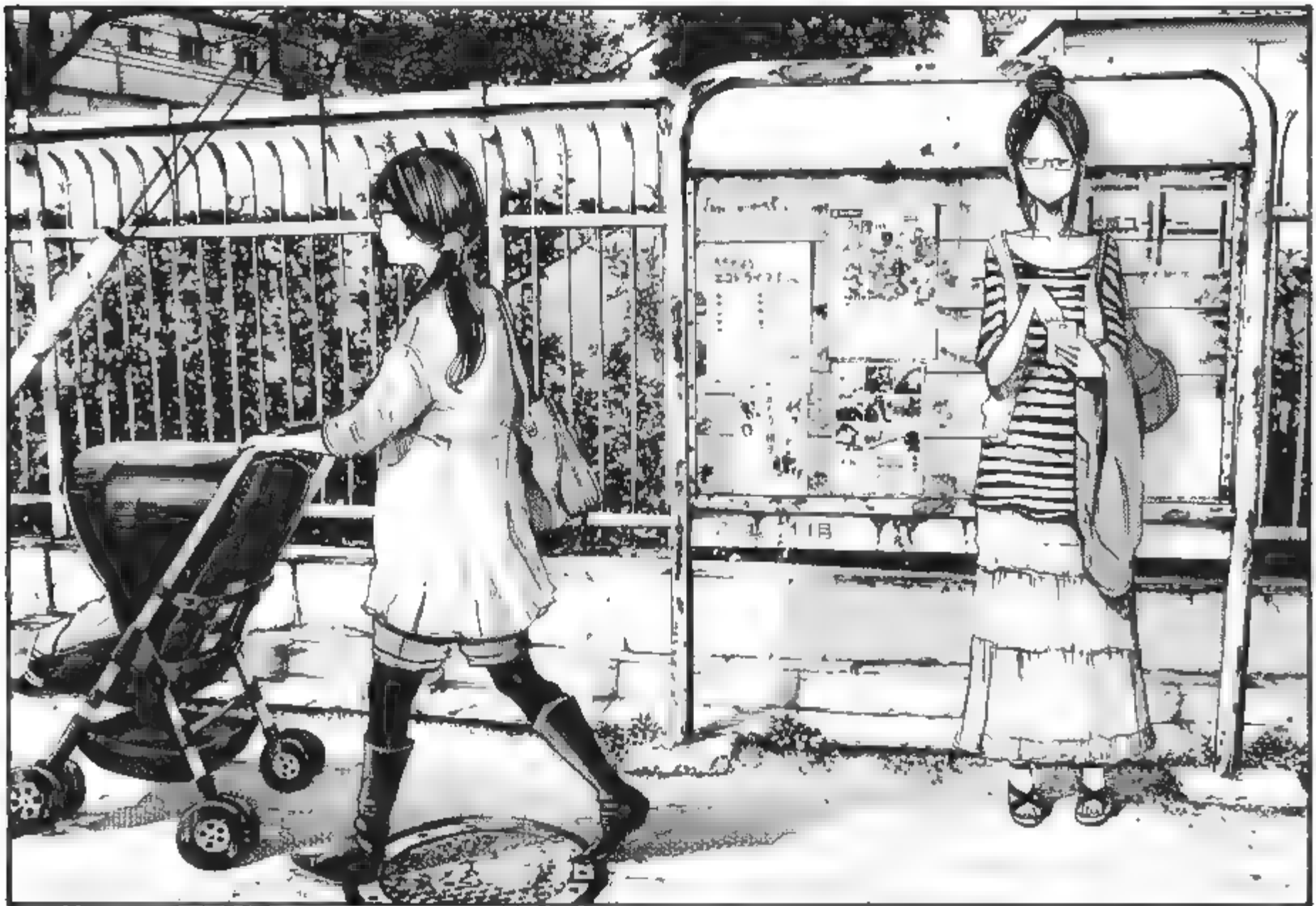
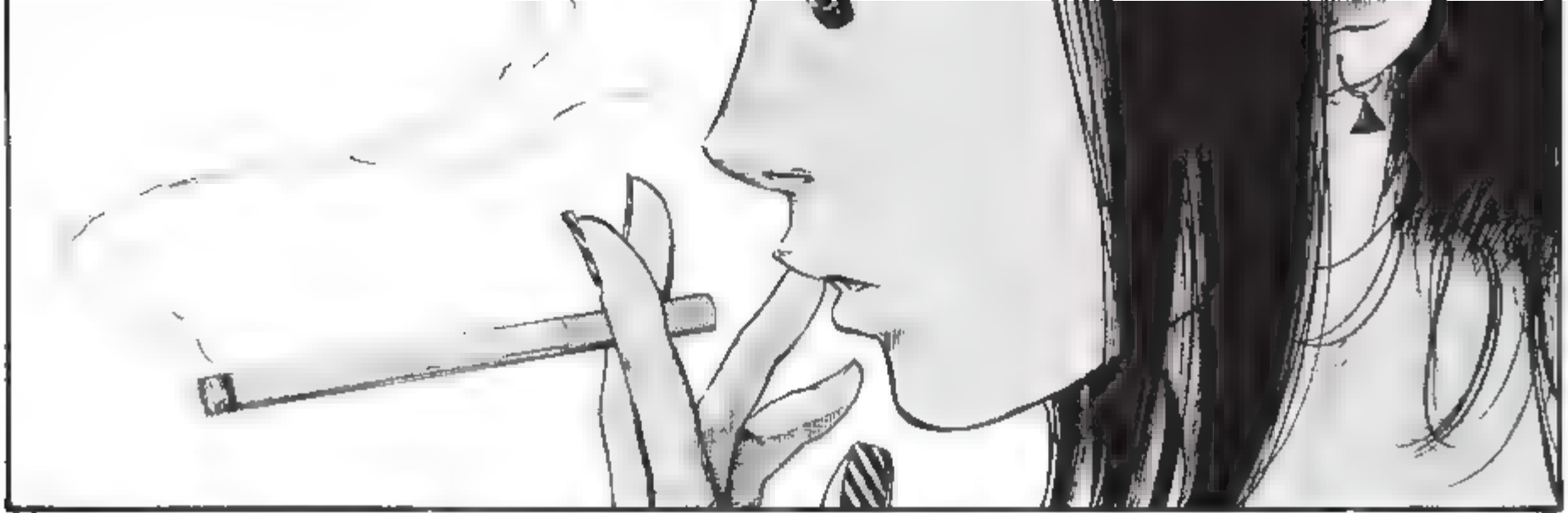


YOU  
DON'T  
LIE,  
RIGHT...

...the  
liar.

You're...





AH.

WOW,  
SACHI,  
YOU'RE  
EATING  
CANDY.  
HOW  
UNUSUAL.



YOU  
GUYS ARE  
HANGING  
OUT, BUT  
NO  
PUNPUN?

HMM?



WE  
MESSAGED  
HIM, BUT  
HE HAD THE  
BALLS TO  
TELL US  
HE'S BUSY  
ALL WEEK.





ARE YOU  
WORRIED  
ABOUT  
SOME-  
THING?



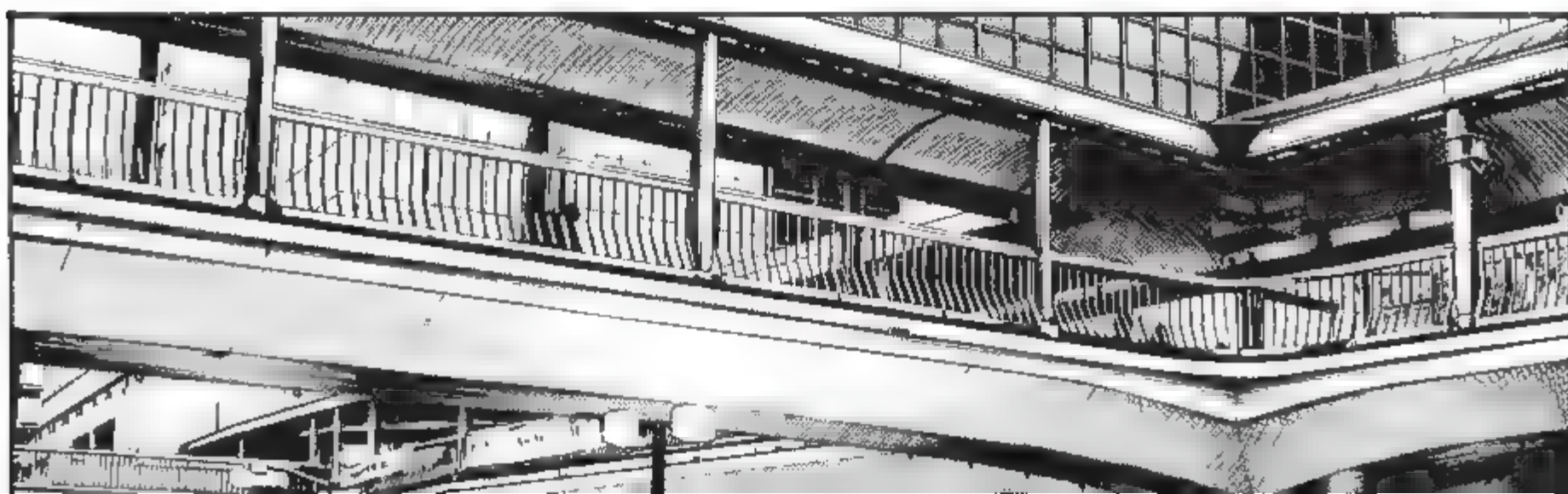
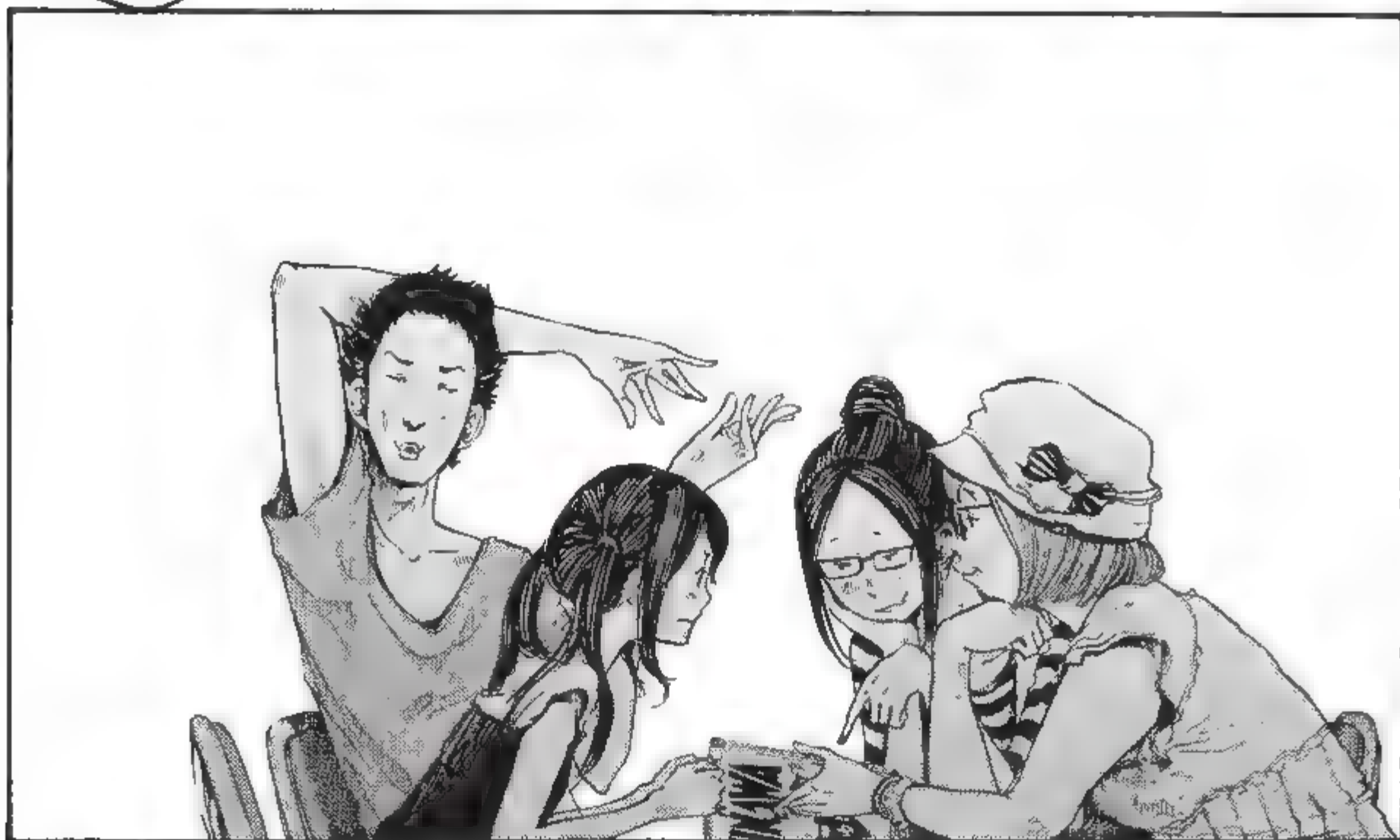
I QUIT  
SMOKING.  
I CAN'T  
SPEND THAT  
KIND OF  
MONEY ON  
CIGARETTES  
ANYMORE.



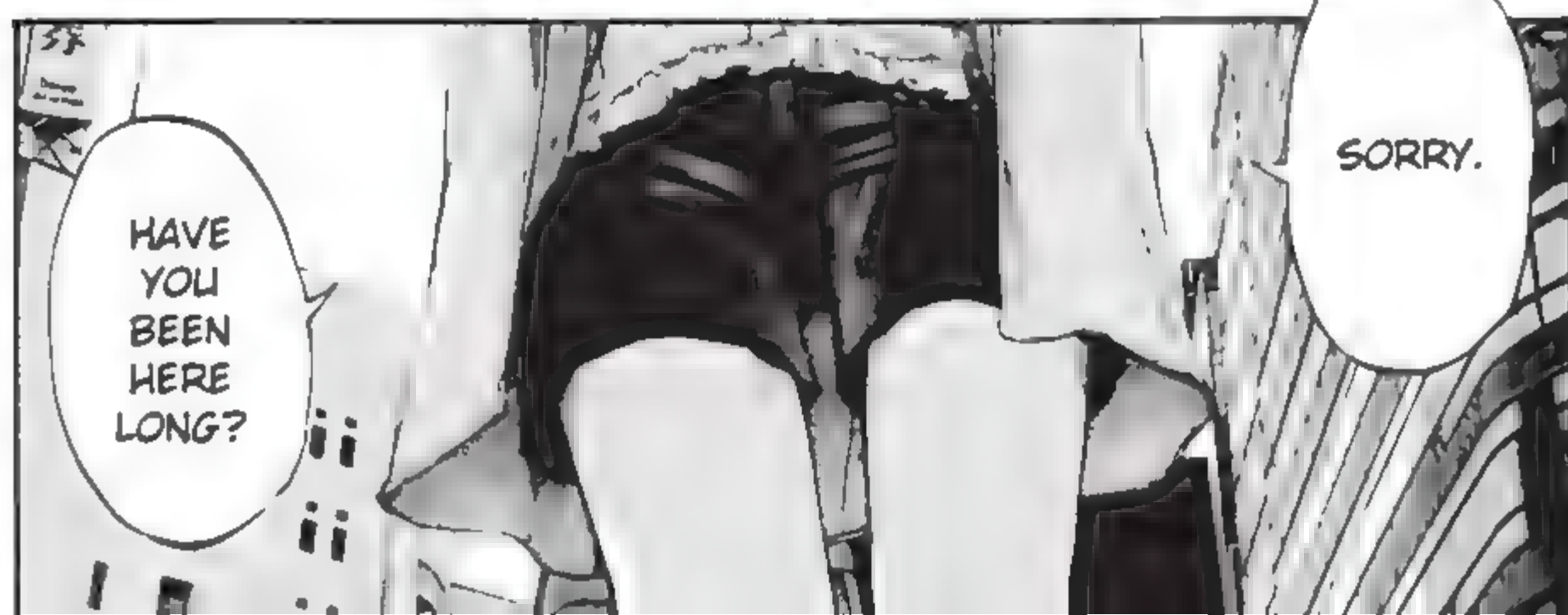
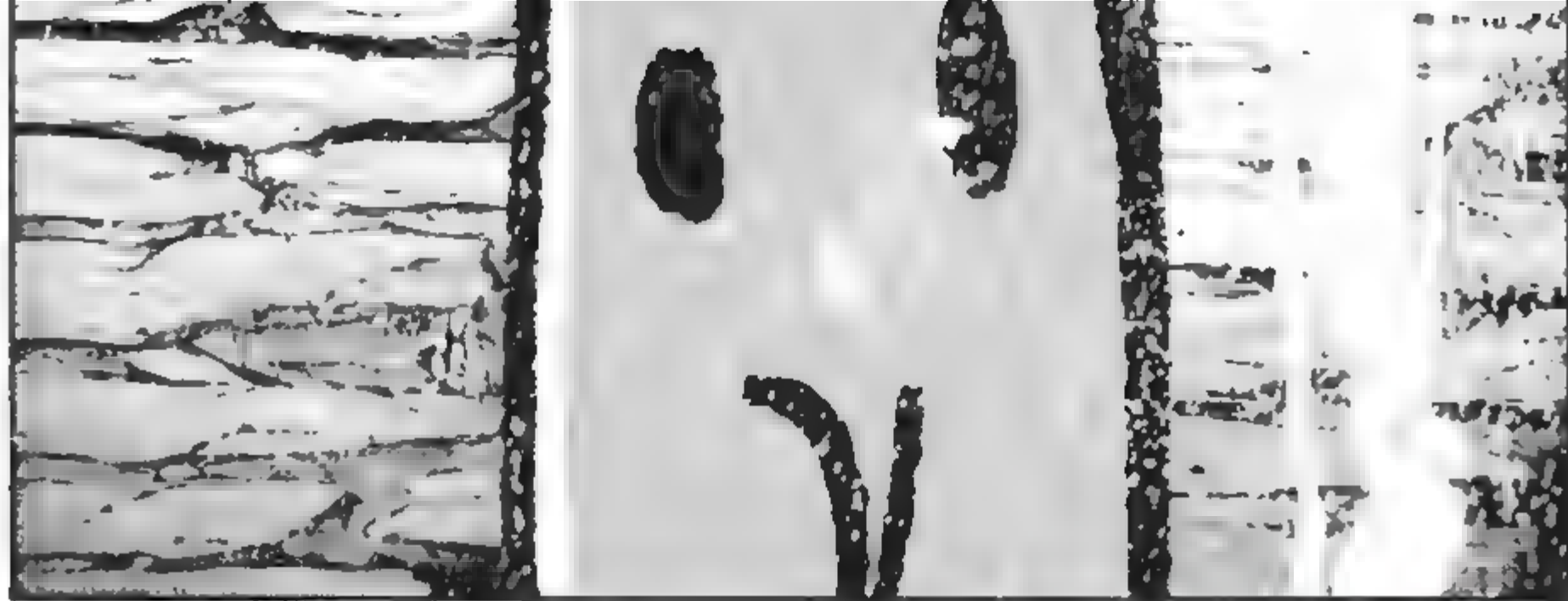
HERE,  
KANIE, LET'S  
FIGURE OUT  
WHAT WE'RE  
DOING.  
WE'RE OFF  
TO OKINAWA  
TOMORROW.

IS  
THERE  
ANYONE  
WHO  
ISN'T?

UM,  
SACHI.





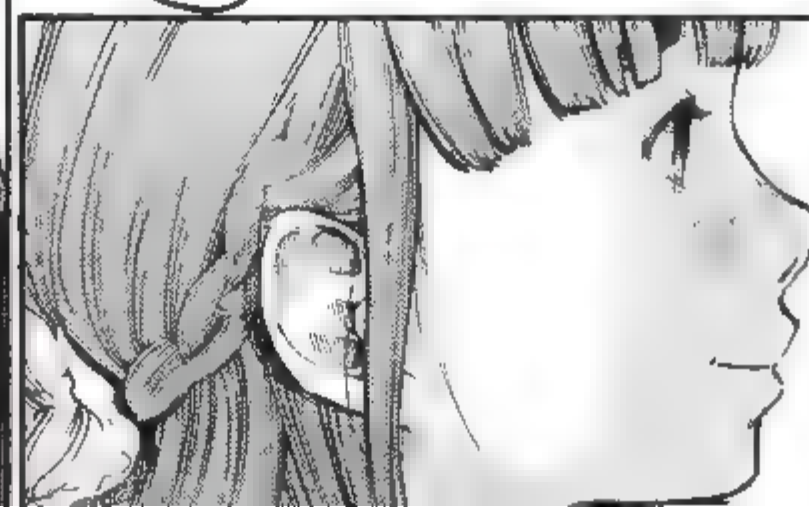
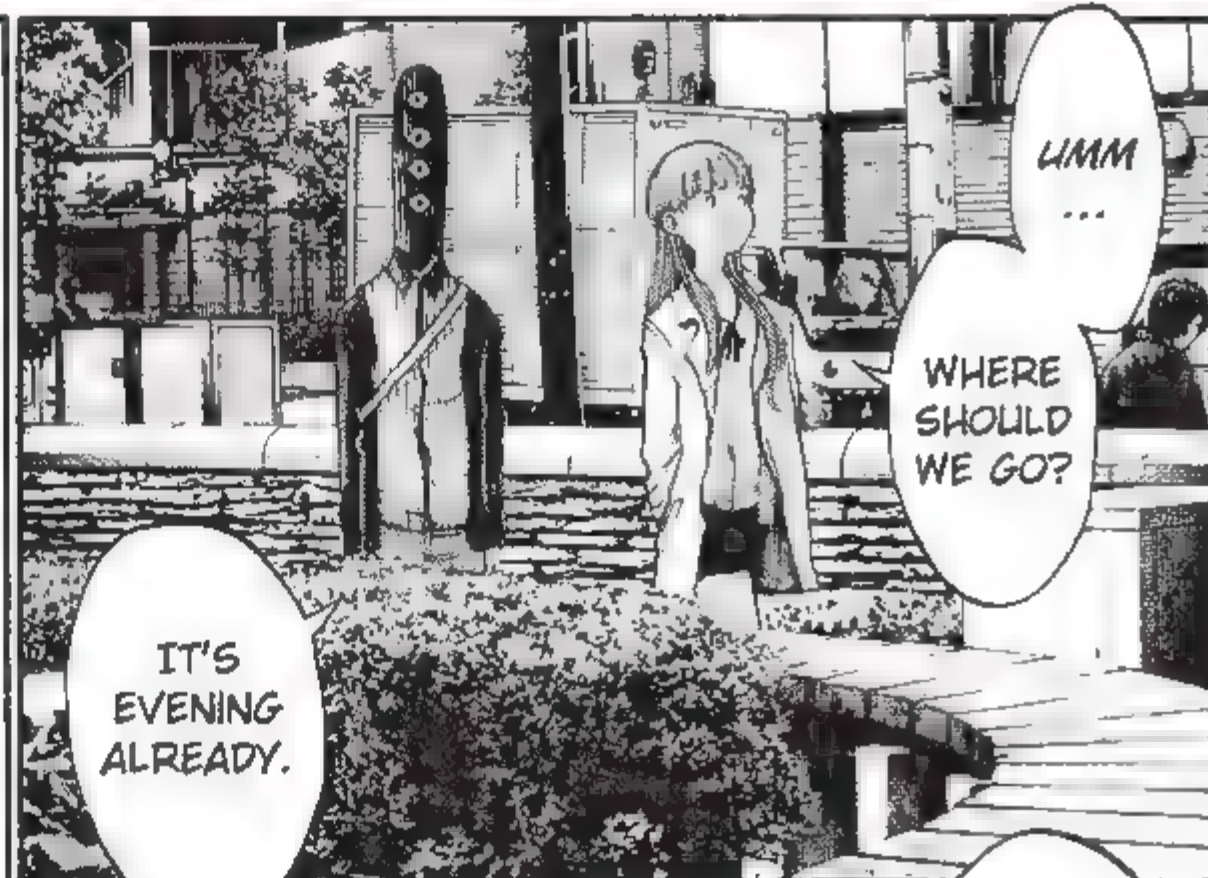






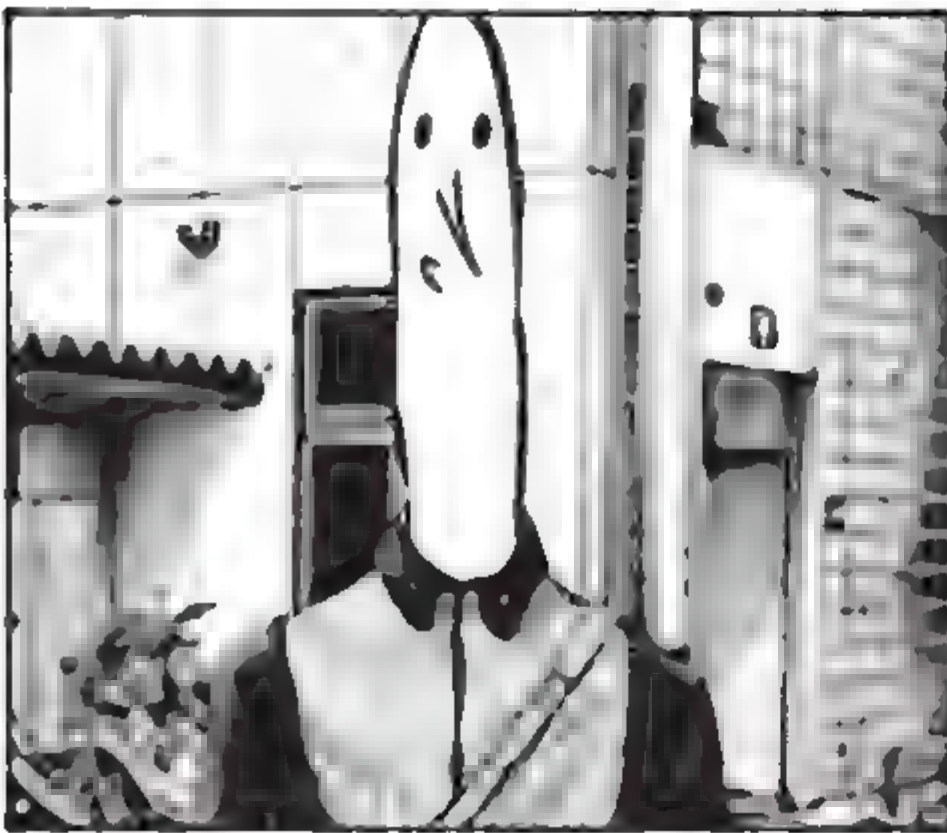
"I was sipping/  
spilling my coffee  
and studying at a  
coffee shop until  
just a little while  
ago."

"Thank  
you, don't  
worry  
about it."

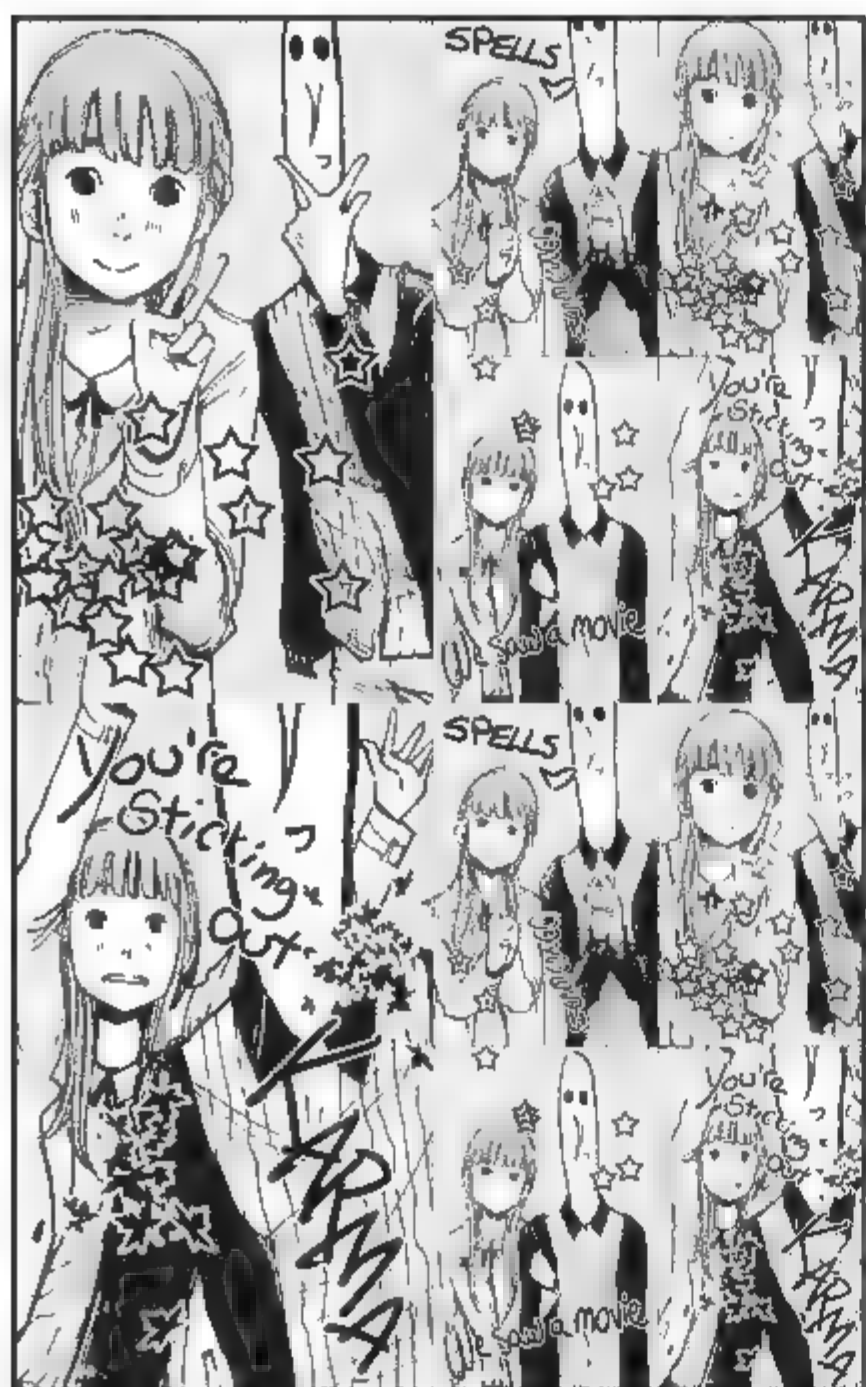


IF  
YOU KNOW  
ANYWHERE  
GOOD,  
PUNPUN...

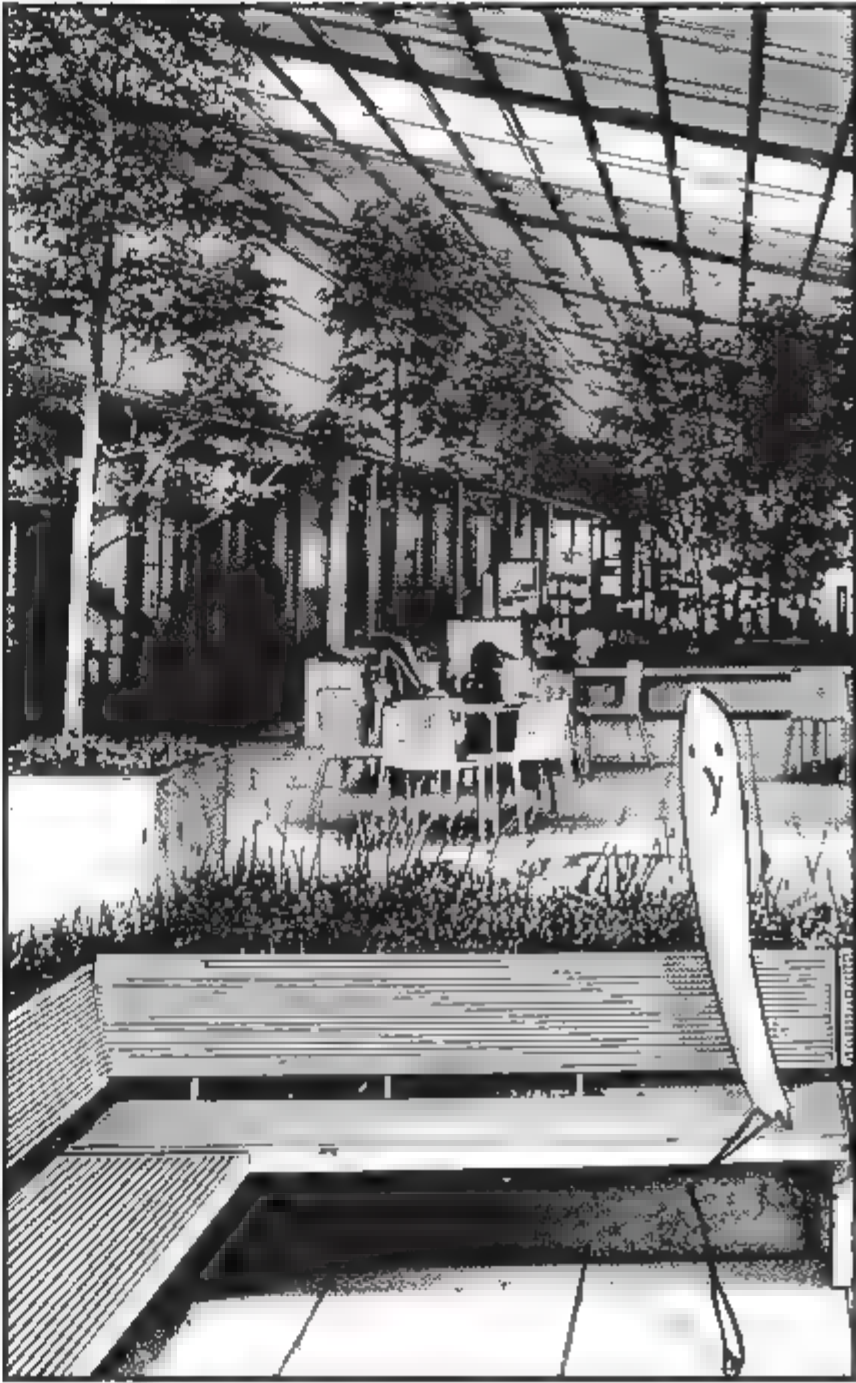














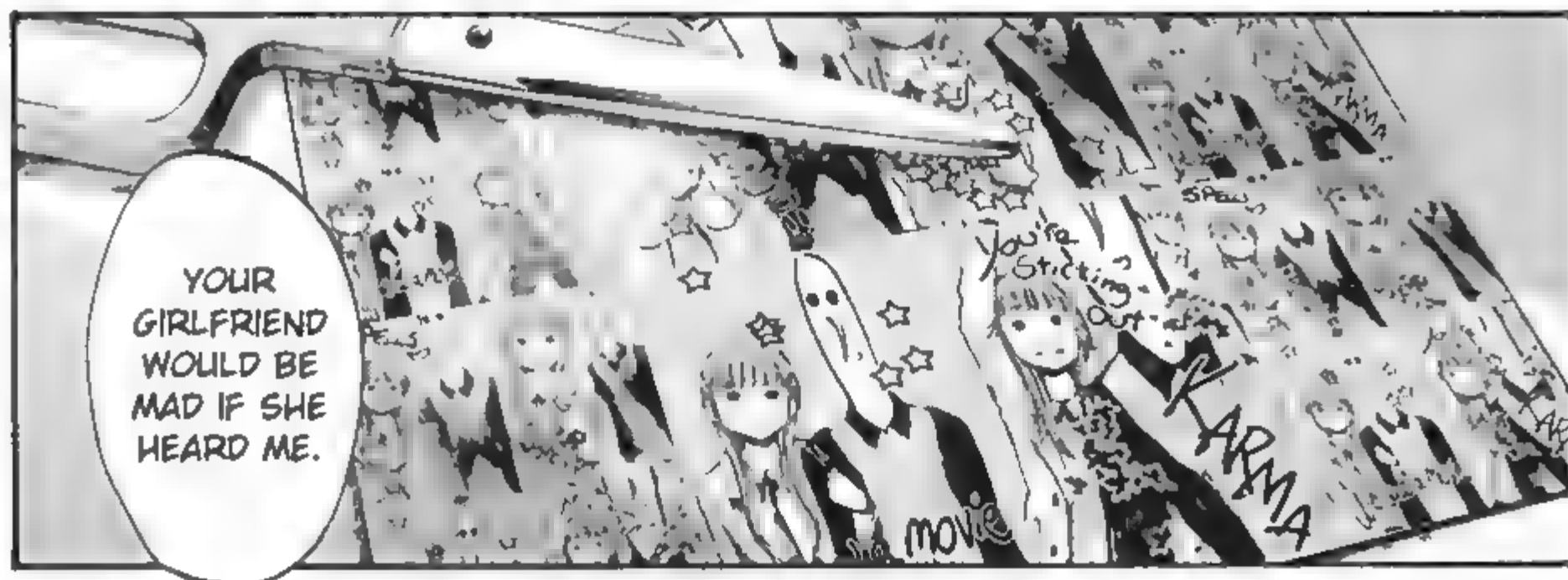


DO WE EVEN HAVE THE SAME TASTE IN MOVIES?

LIKE, I WANTED TO GO SEE THAT MOVIE...

...IT'S LIKE, YOU JUST GET IT, PUNPUN.

SO, YOU KNOW ...



YOUR GIRLFRIEND WOULD BE MAD IF SHE HEARD ME.

You're Sticking Out

KARMA

movie



MY FRIEND RUNS IT.

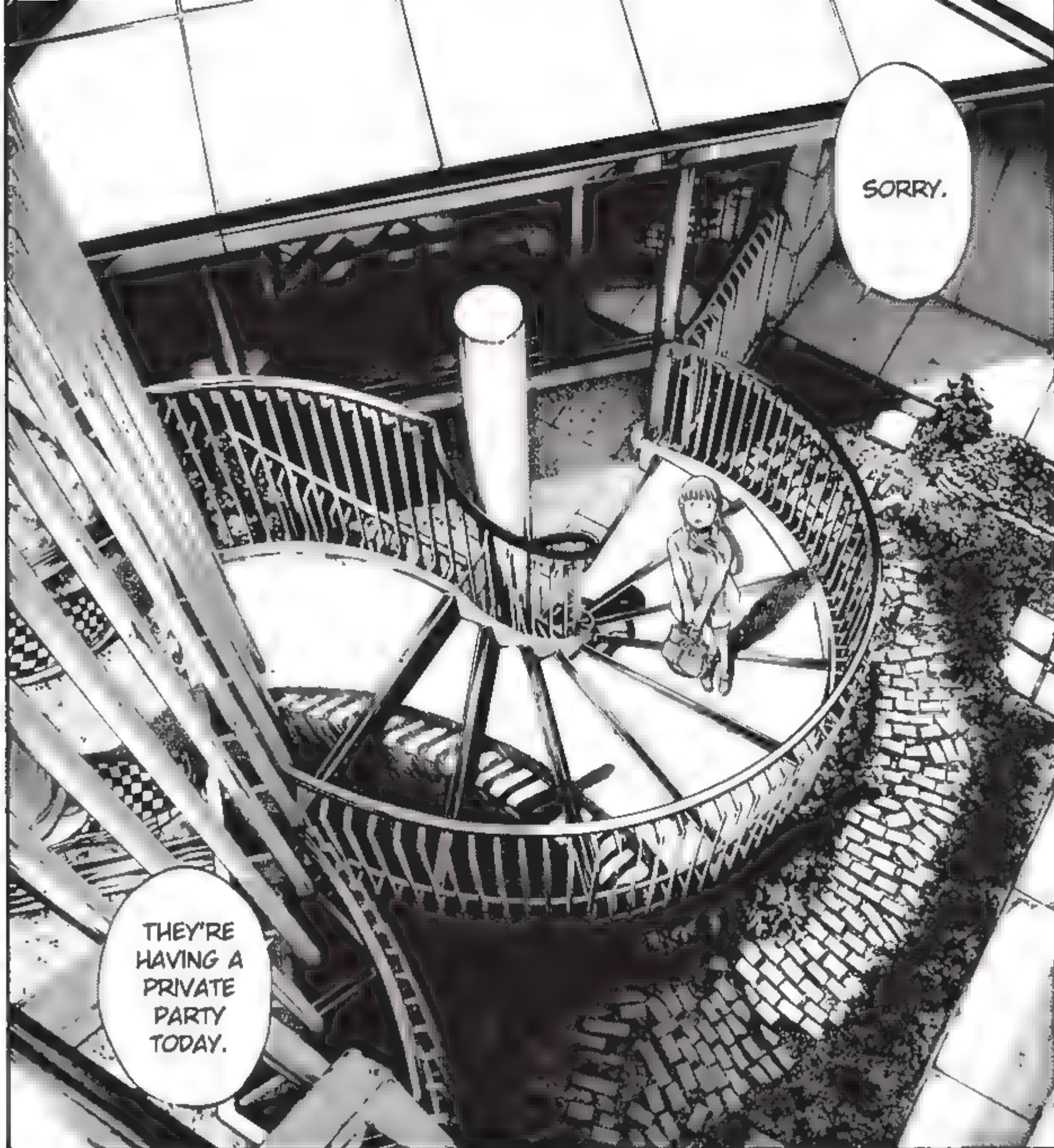


THERE'S A REALLY CUTE CAFÉ NEARBY.

OH...

CLUBE  
PUB  
BAR









...and, except for minor signs of rejection, it fit very well.

In just a few days, Taka's soul had spread throughout Punpun's body...

Information on movies and cool cafés he'd crammed into his head the night before and ostentatious conversation that he truly didn't care about spewed forth endlessly from his mouth.







BECAUSE  
THESE KINDS  
OF MOM-  
AND-POP  
PLACES ARE  
REALLY COM-  
FORTABLE.

WHAT?

WHEN I GO  
DRINKING WITH  
MY FRIENDS,  
IT'S ALWAYS IN  
CHEAP PLACES  
LIKE THIS.



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DRINKING?

IT'S  
UNAFFECTED,  
LIKE YOU.

THIS IS  
NICE. IT'S  
THE KIND  
OF PLACE  
FOR  
COLLEGE  
GUYS.



SO A  
MEDIUM  
DRAUGHT  
FOR  
YOU?



"...medi-  
um raw?"

"Um..."



Also, the  
insane hard-  
on that  
had been  
raging for  
some time  
seemed to  
be there to  
stay.



This  
empty  
feeling  
of being  
an actual  
ham in a  
production  
full of ham  
actors.

What  
was  
this?



What  
do I  
want?





...WE'VE  
GROWN  
UP.

YOU  
KNOW...

And who  
the hell  
are you?



ISN'T THAT  
OUR MIDDLE  
SCHOOL?

RIGHT  
THERE.

OVER  
THERE  
...





I  
WONDER  
WHY WE  
NEVER  
BUMPED INTO  
EACH OTHER  
BEFORE.

IT'S  
SUCH A  
SMALL  
TOWN

IT'S SO  
TINY...



NO  
FEELING

WELL  
MAYBE  
NOT

I MAY  
BE A  
LITTLE  
DUMB...

Awake



I MAY  
HAVE A  
BUMPING

I DON'T  
ALWAYS  
FEEL  
LIKE THIS.

I  
WANT  
YOU TO  
STAND.

YOU  
KNOW





I THOUGHT  
MAYBE I'D

WANT YOU  
TO BE A PART

I WAS A  
CHILD AND  
STILL...

BUT I'VE  
WANTED  
TO APOLO-  
GIZE TO  
YOU FOR  
A LONG  
TIME.

IT'S BEEN  
A LONG  
TIME  
BETWEEN  
US.



"...the  
same  
thing."

"I was  
thinking..."



I WAS  
HOPING THE  
DAY WOULD  
COME  
WHEN WE  
COULD TALK  
NORMALLY  
AGAIN.

SO I'M  
REALLY  
HAPPY.



"And I thought  
you'd have lost  
your mind and  
be living in the  
gutter."

...THAT  
I WAS  
WORRIED YOU  
MIGHT HAVE  
COMMITTED  
SUICIDE.

...YOU  
USED TO  
BE SO TIMID  
AND HELP-  
LESS...

YOU  
KNOW,  
TO BE  
HONEST...

WAS  
I LIKE  
THAT?

HA  
HA!

It was  
no  
laughing  
matter.

"Ha  
ha,"  
she  
says.



...Aiko  
Tanaka.

You've  
got to be  
kidding...



YOU  
ALREADY  
ARE

"Can  
I hold  
your  
hand?"





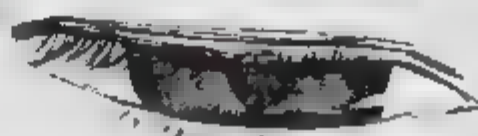
"Why  
do you  
think?"

WHY?

"Can we  
stay like  
this for a  
while?"



NO.



...DO  
THIS.

WE  
CAN'T...







OF  
FEEL...

I'M  
TIRED OF  
WALKING.



PLUNGE

ME A  
LITTLE



PLUNGE

PLUNGE  
PLUNGE  
PLUNGE



"Do you  
want to  
take a  
break at  
a karaoke  
place?"

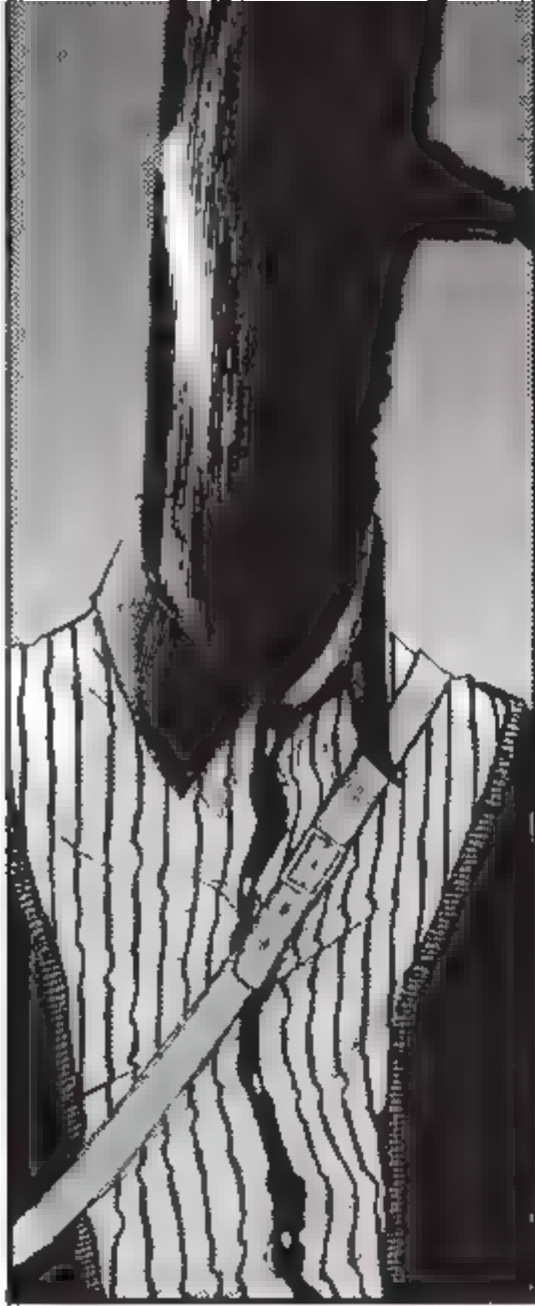


"So  
should  
we throw  
ourselves  
in front of  
a train?"

"How  
about a  
manga  
café?"



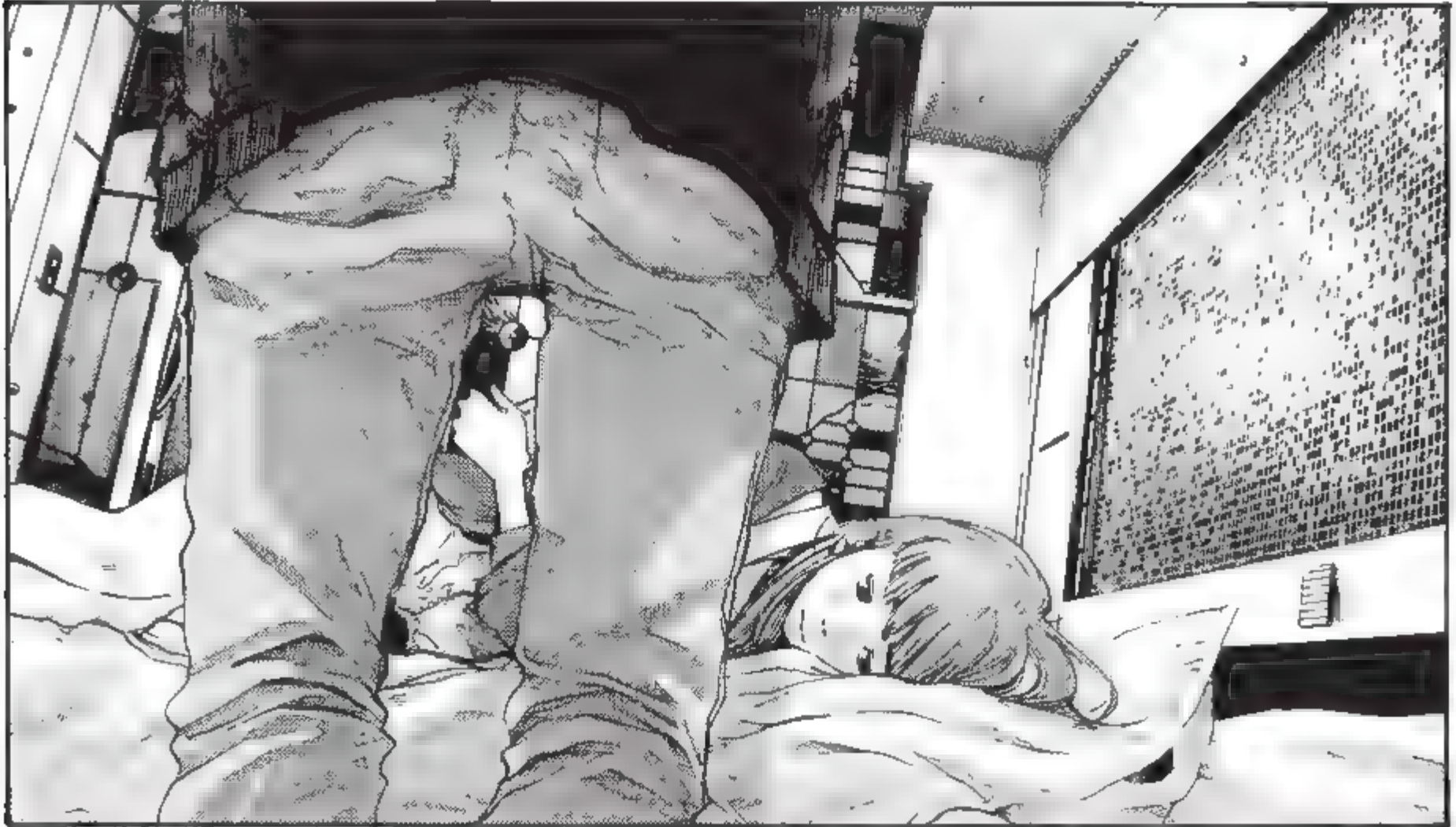






I have no  
idea what  
you're  
thinking.

Aiko...

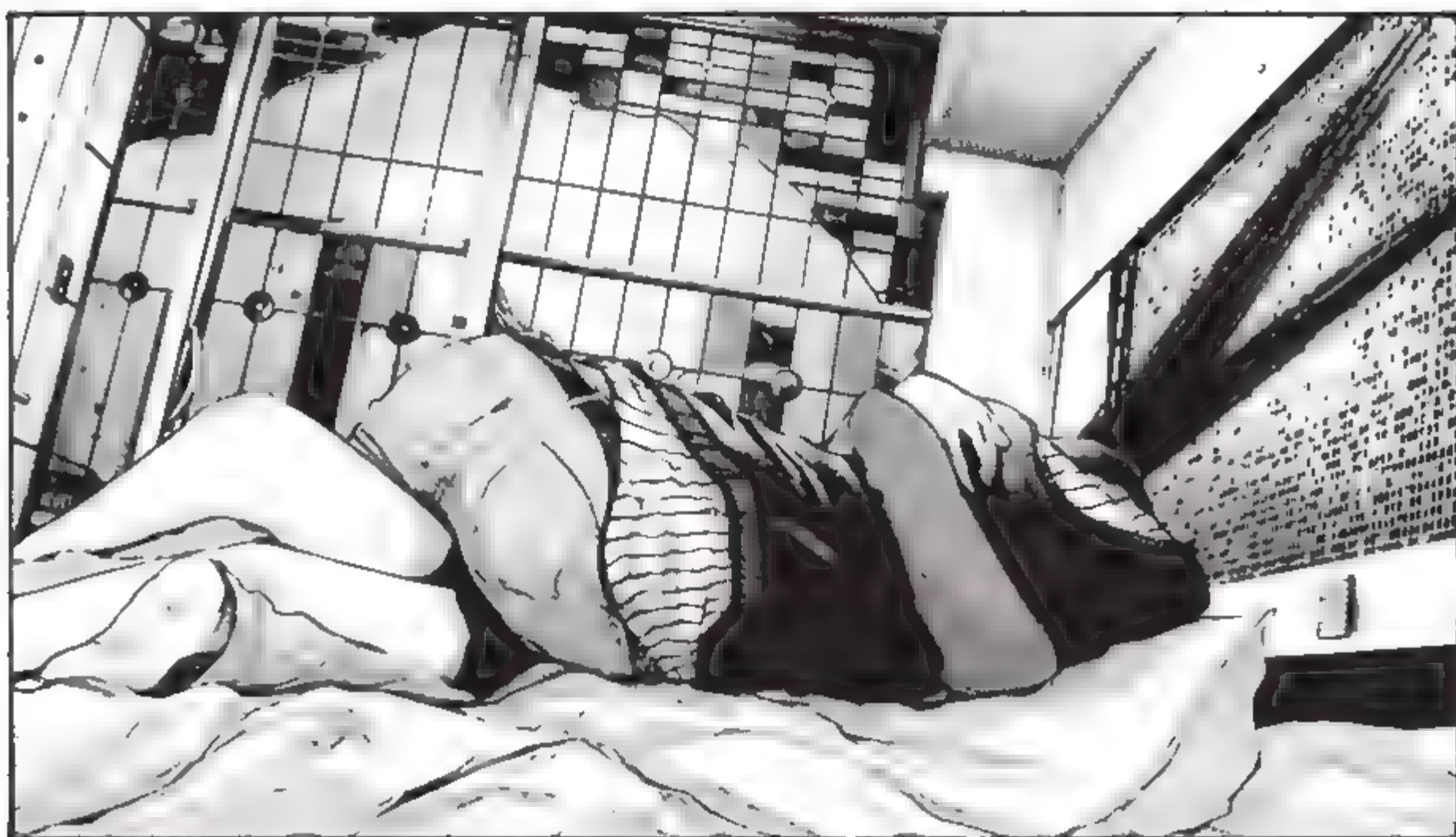
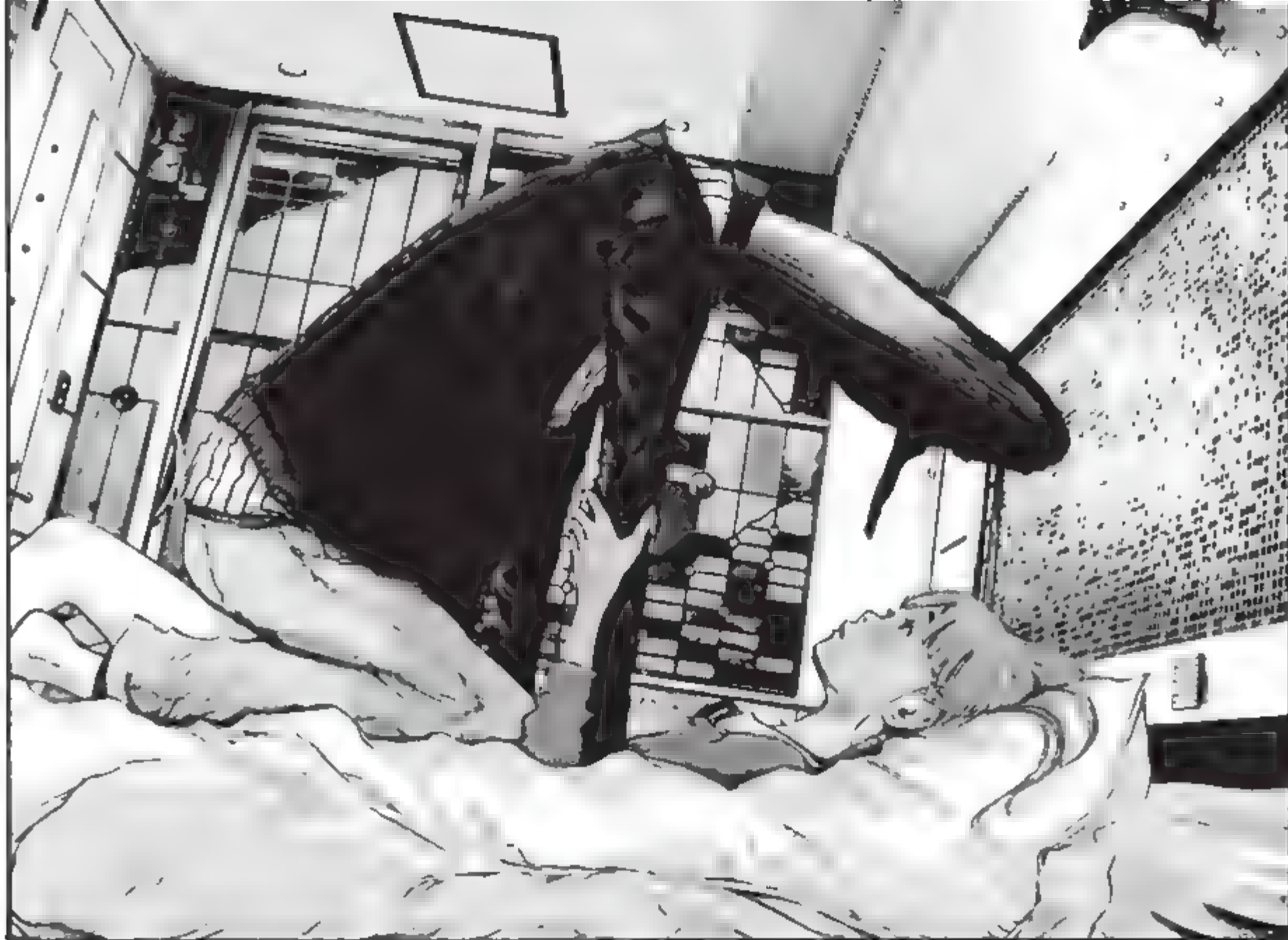


...I'm  
sad.

But  
somehow...







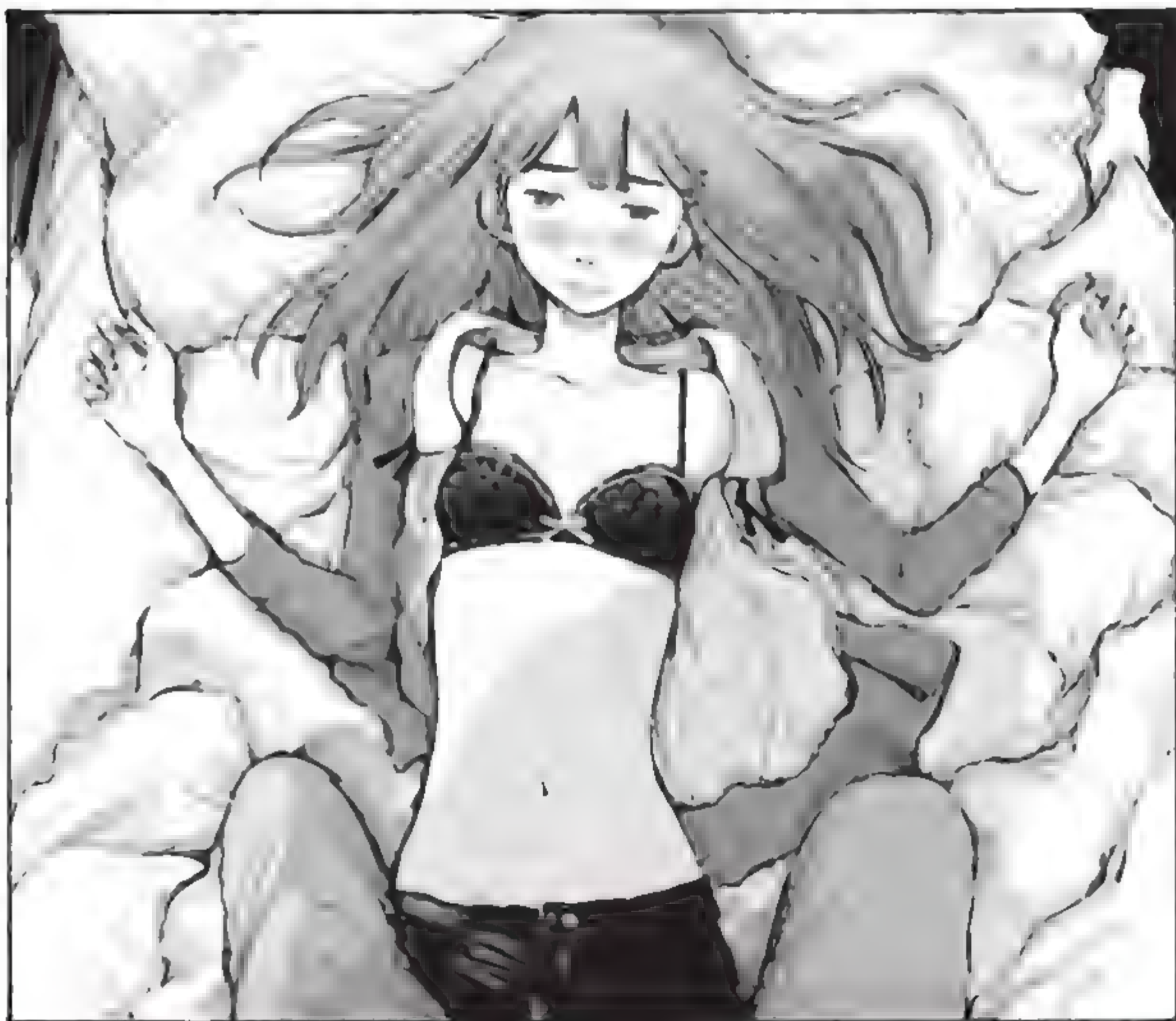
I know it's  
audacious,  
but I...

I...

...it's obvious that  
she's a little slutty  
if she just goes  
with her shallow  
classmate that  
she hasn't seen  
in a couple of  
years...

At any  
rate...

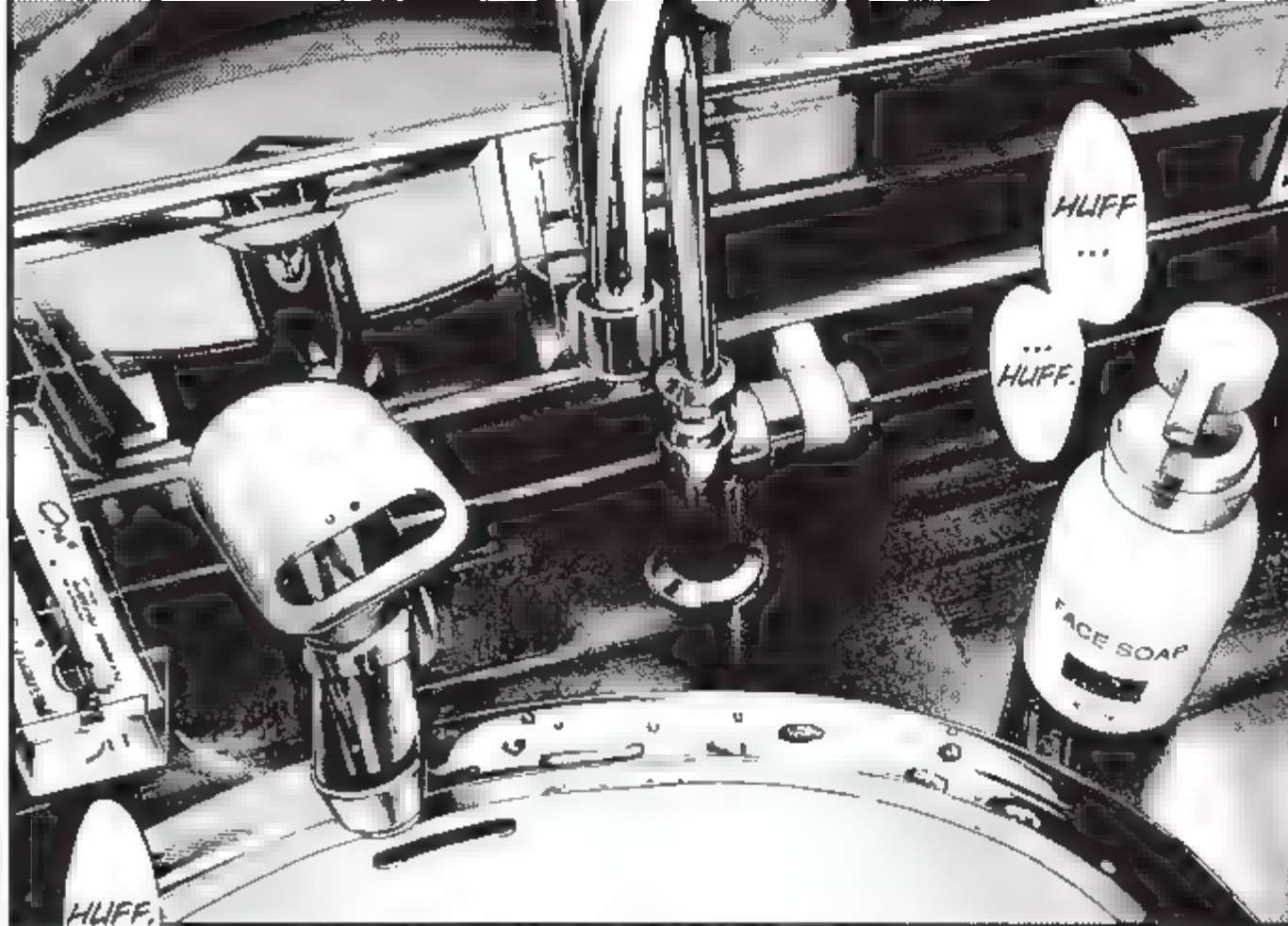




...into the  
depths of  
despair.

I want  
to knock  
you...



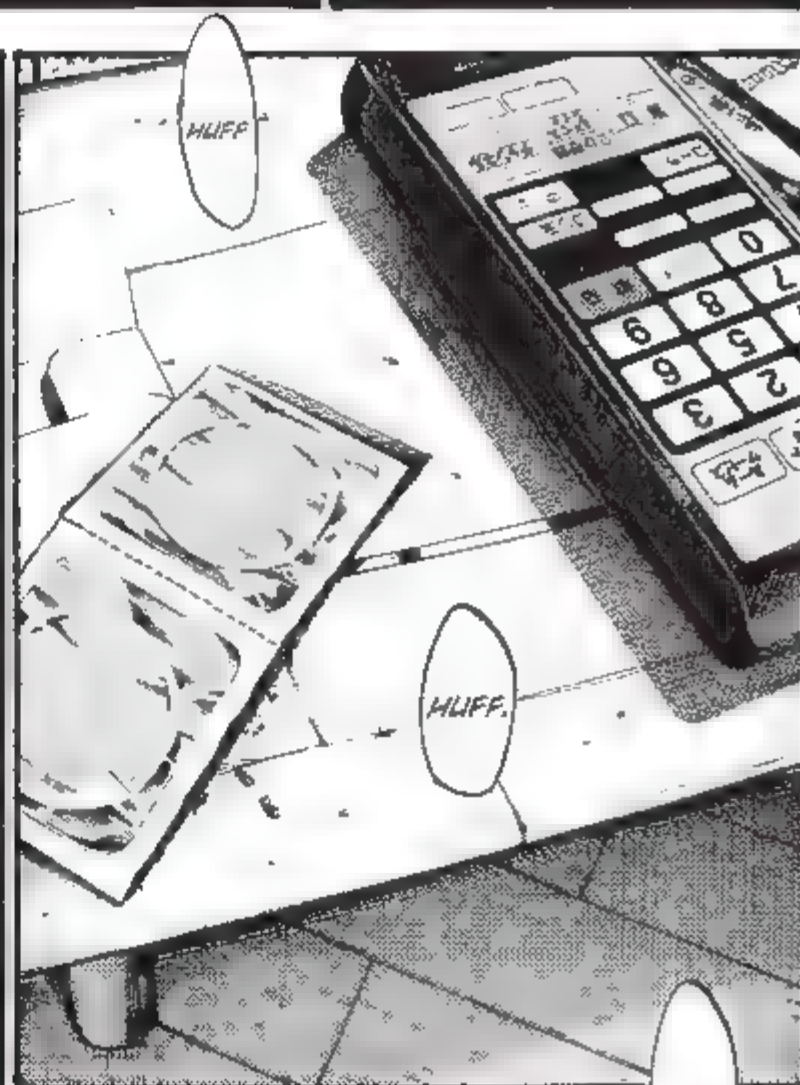


Aiko,  
I...

...went  
on to a  
different  
world.

You  
cursed  
me and  
then...

...don't  
want to  
forgive  
you...



...will you  
despise  
me too?

...  
but  
...

I'm  
sorry  
it's so  
selfish...

If  
you'll  
permit  
me...

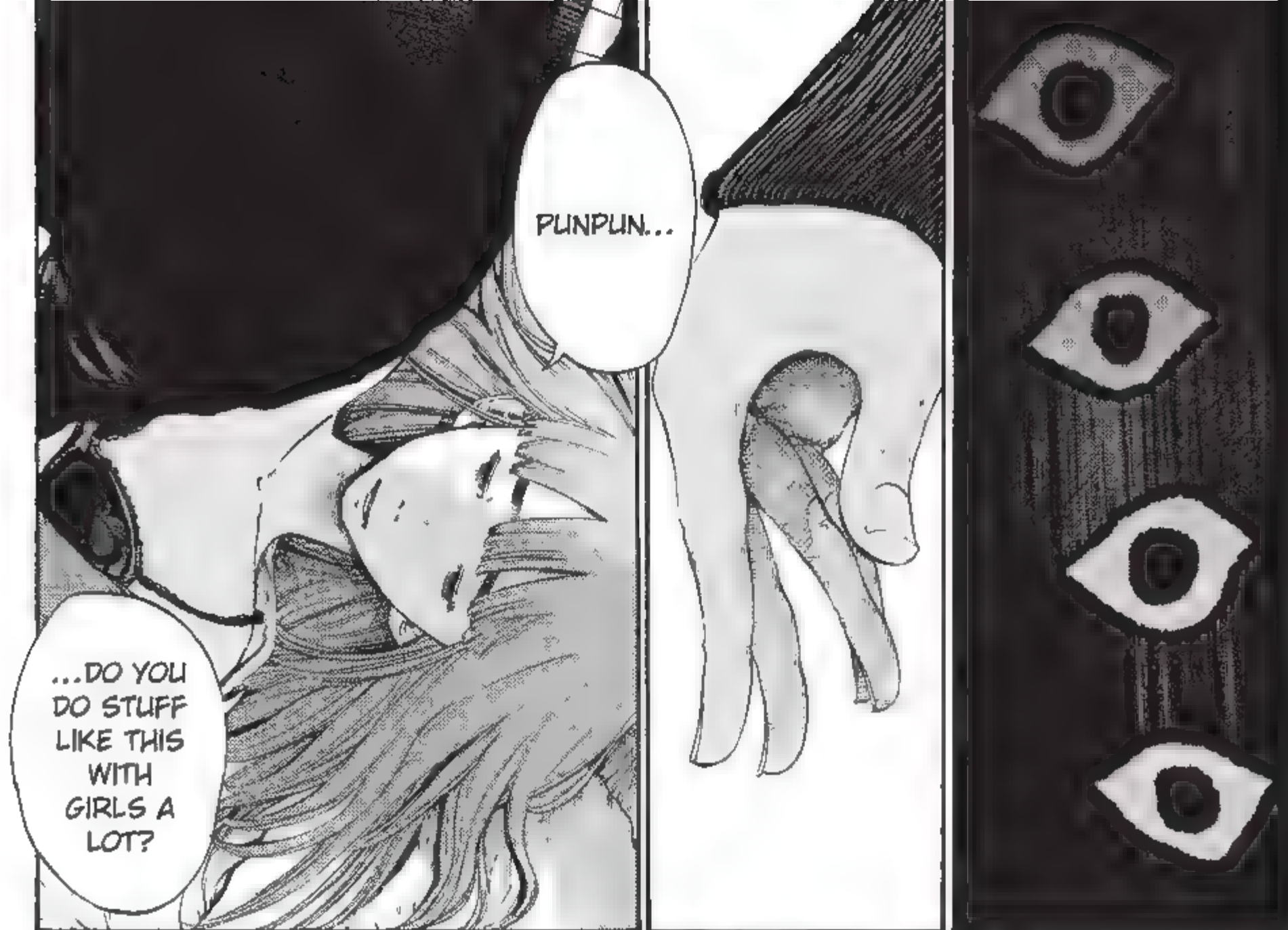
HUFF

HUFF





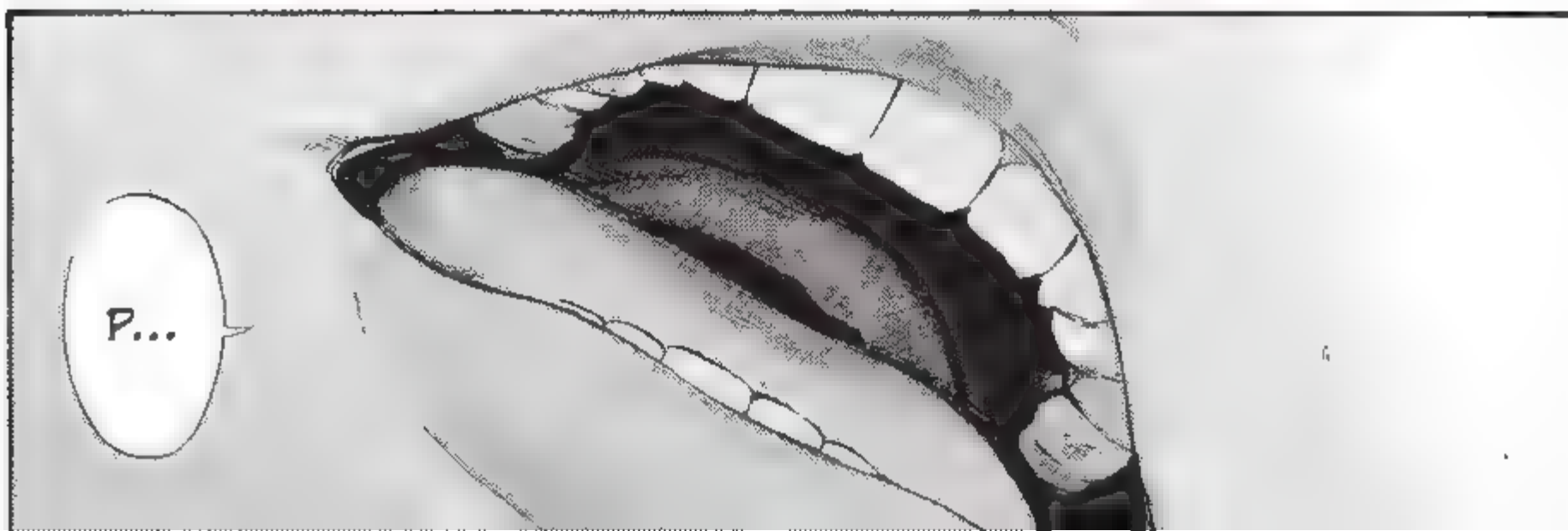
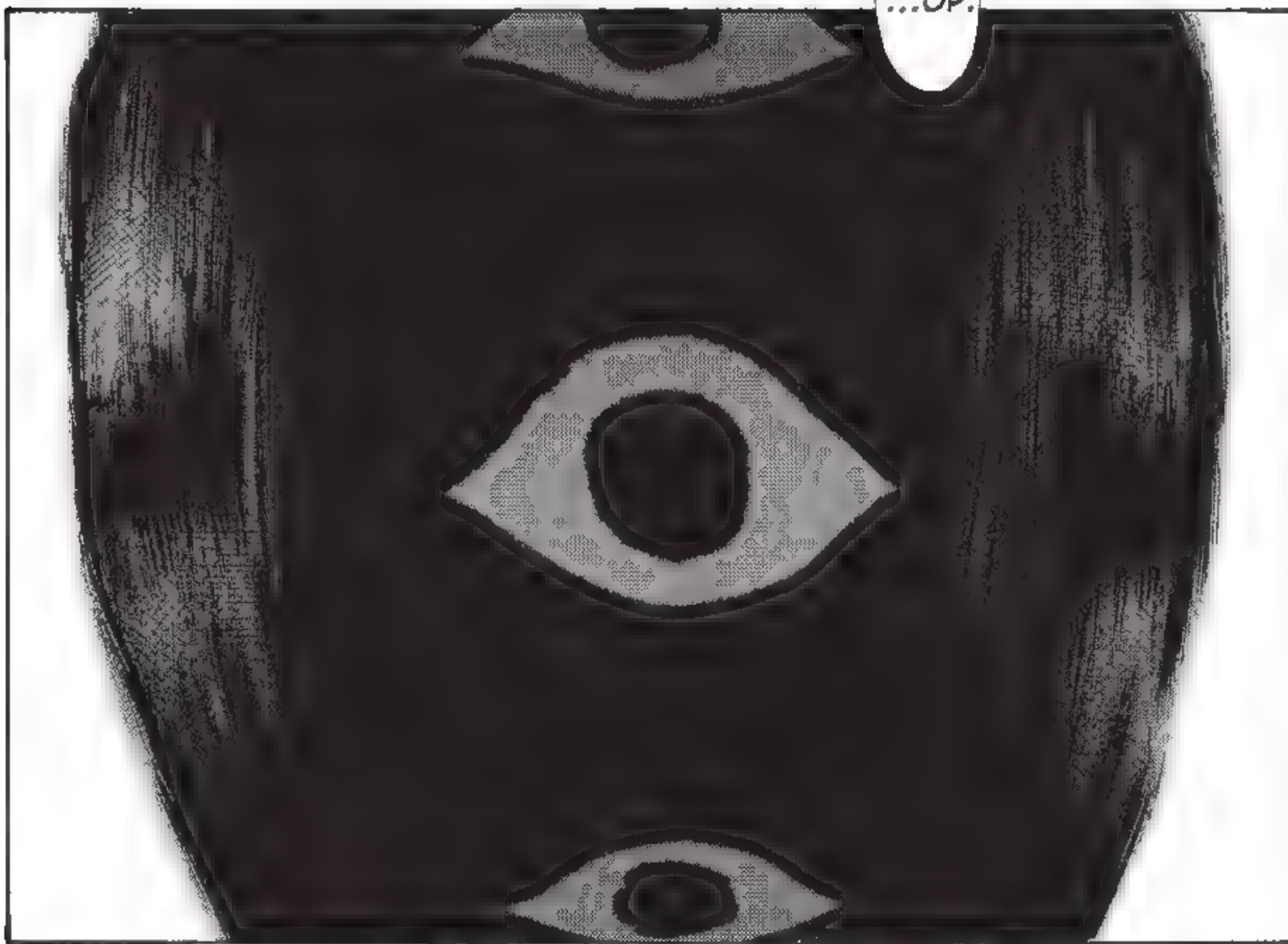








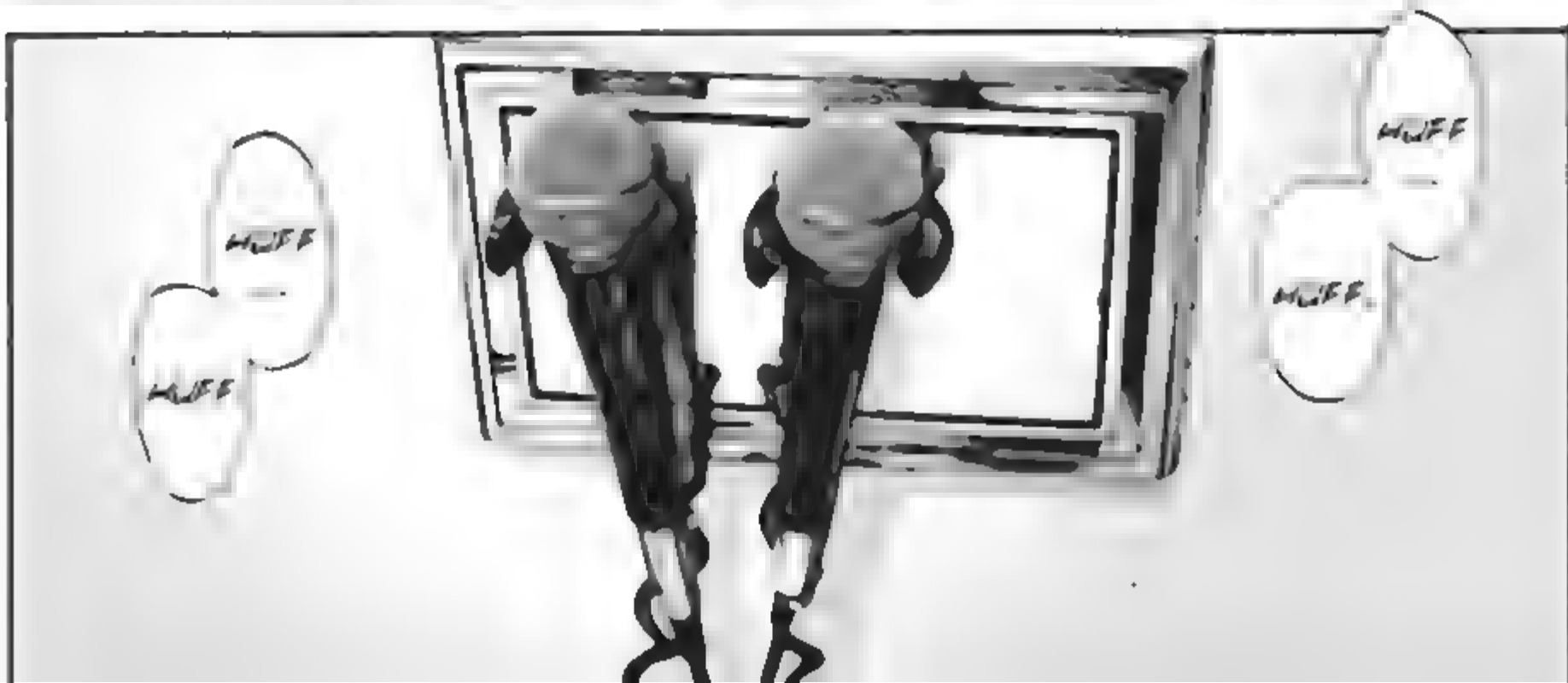
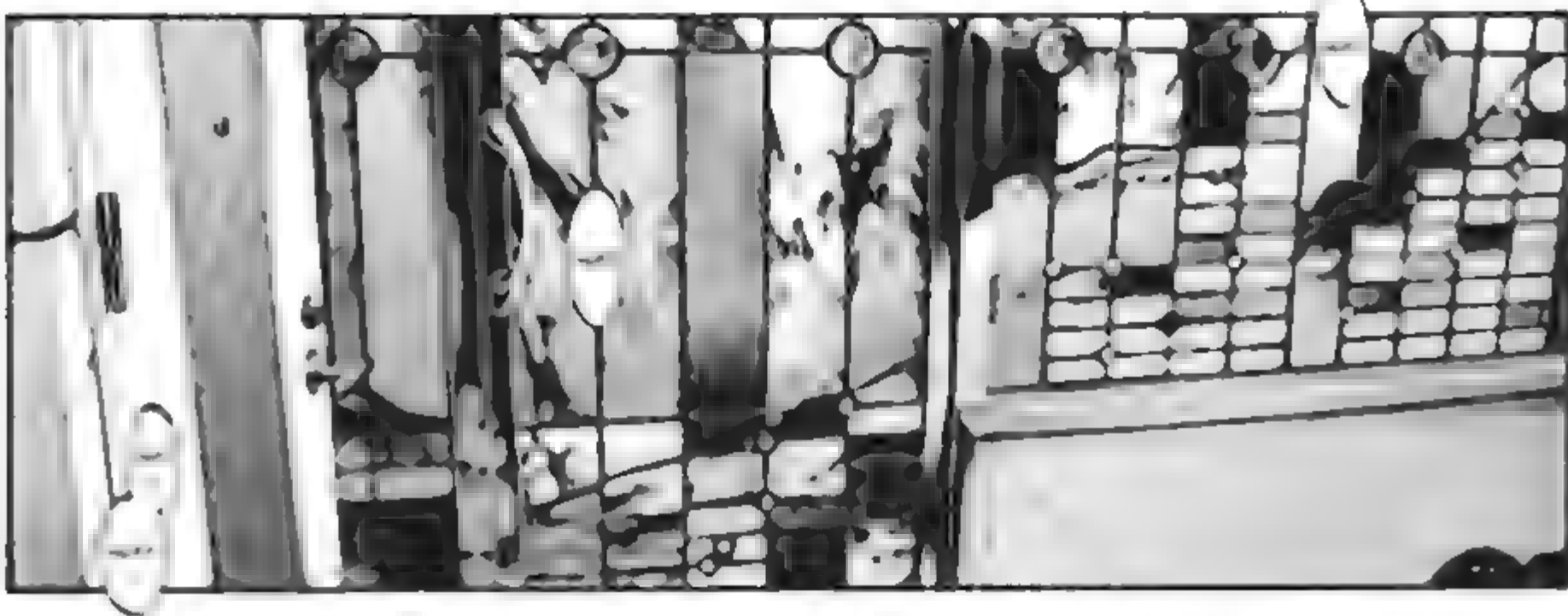




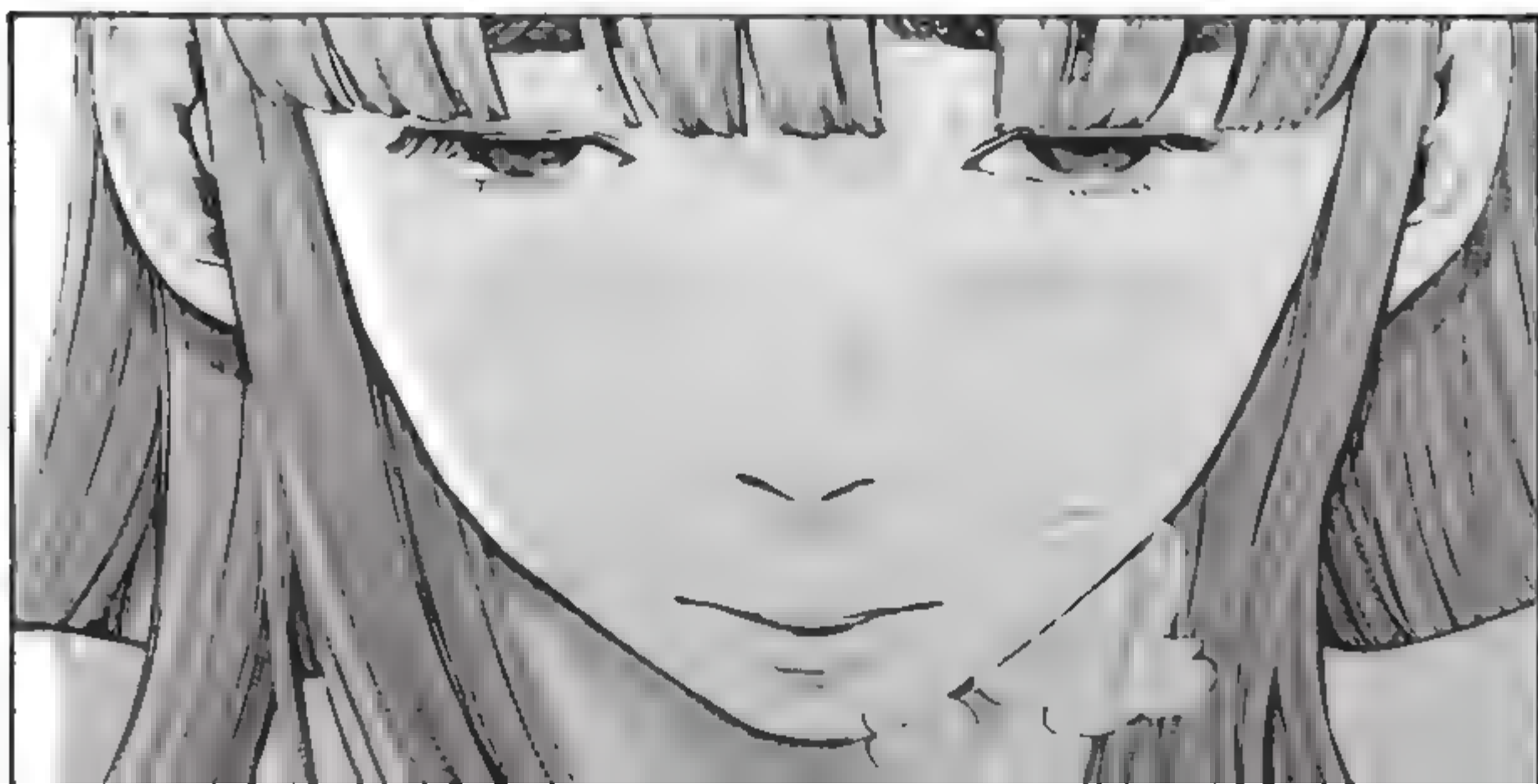




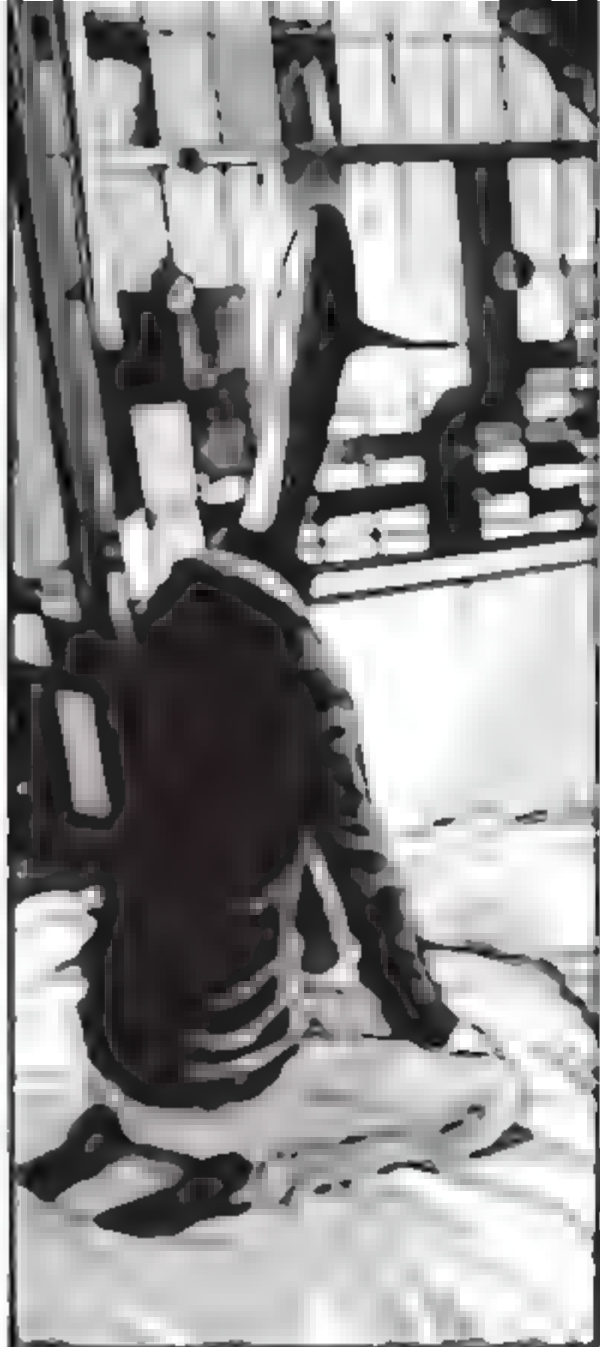




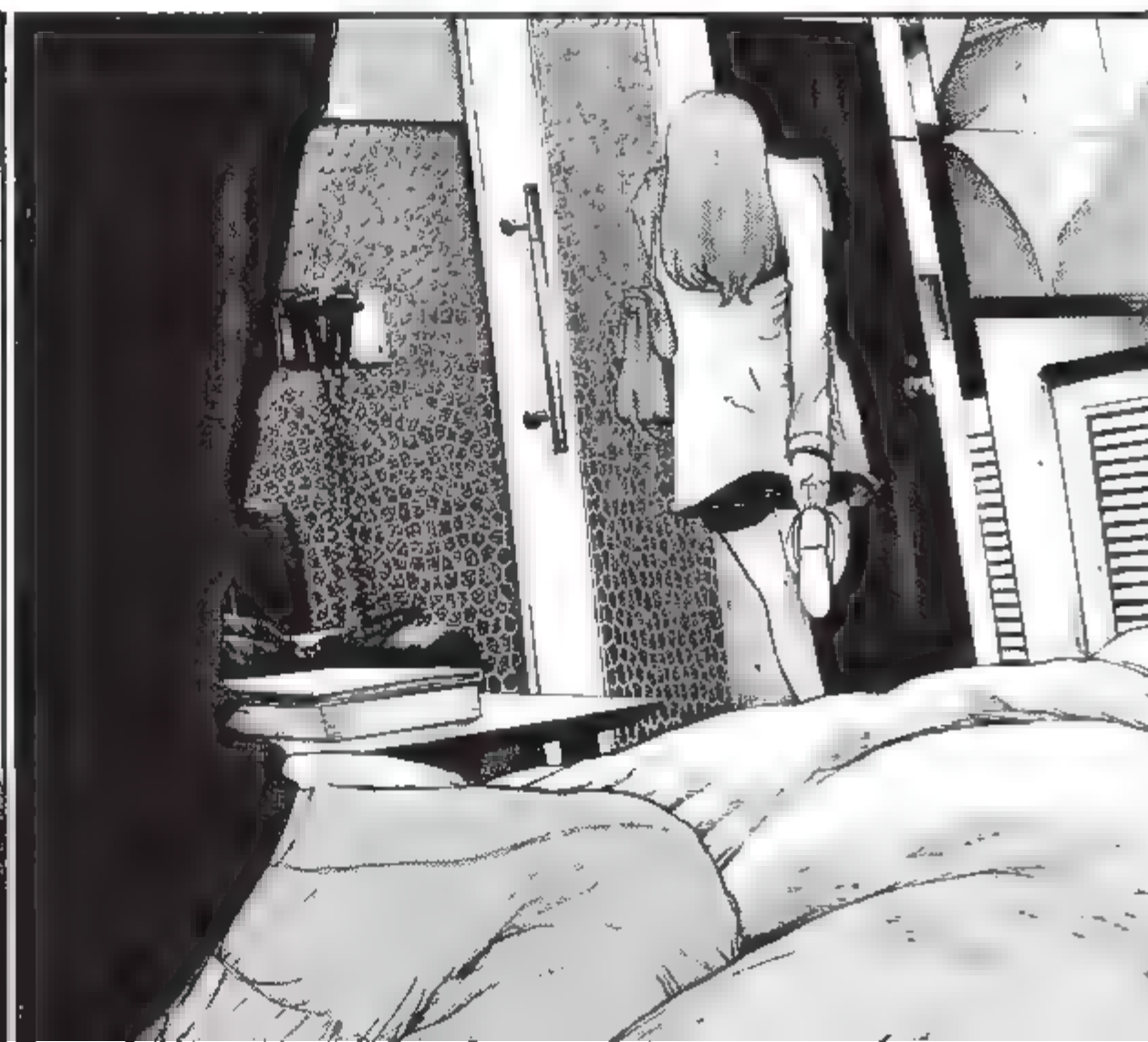
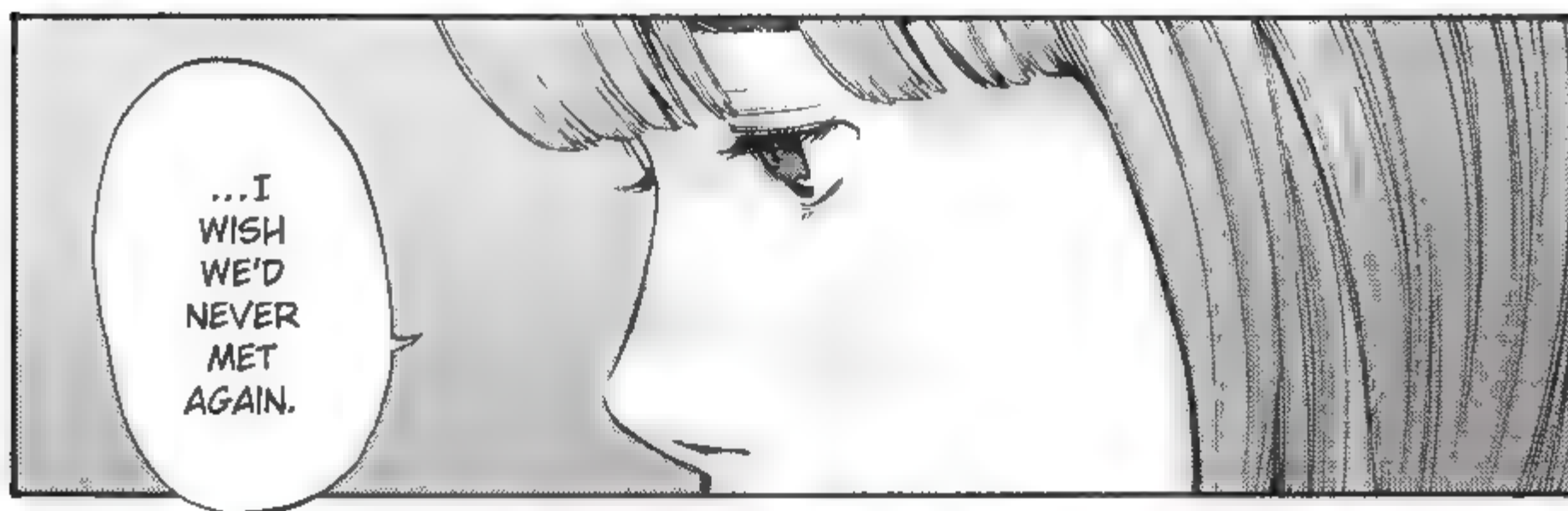




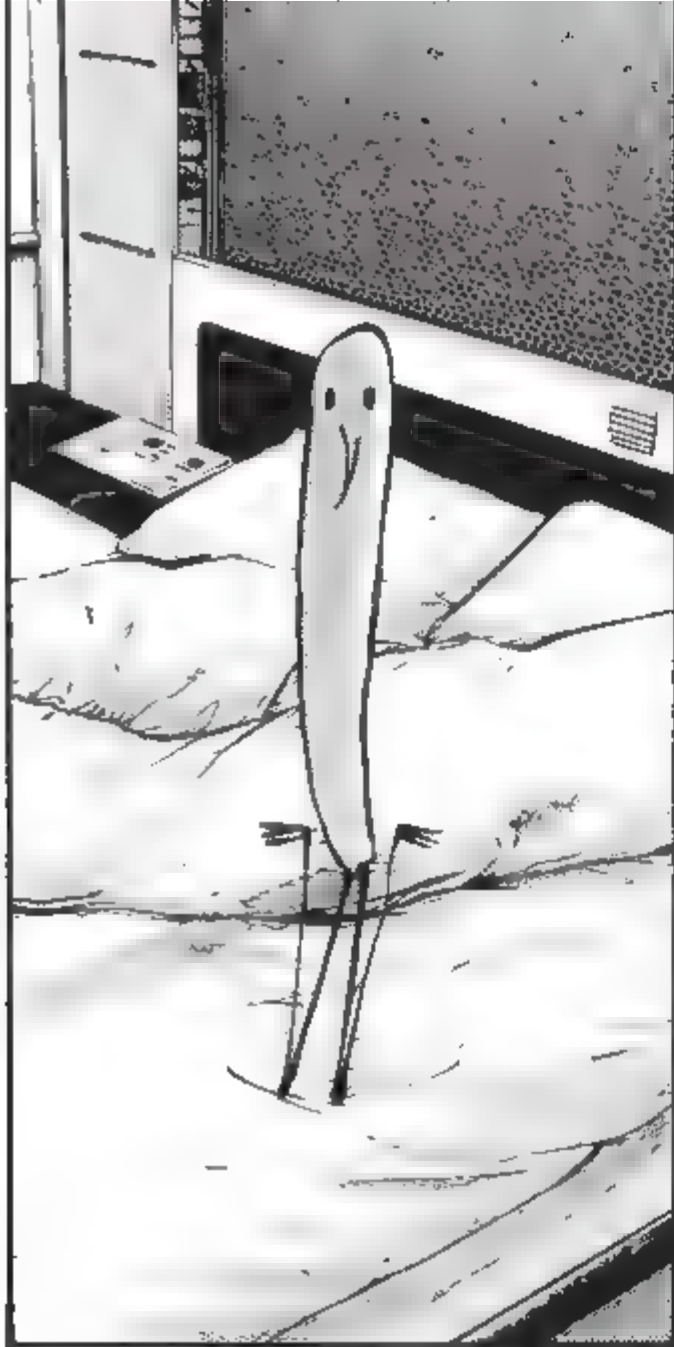








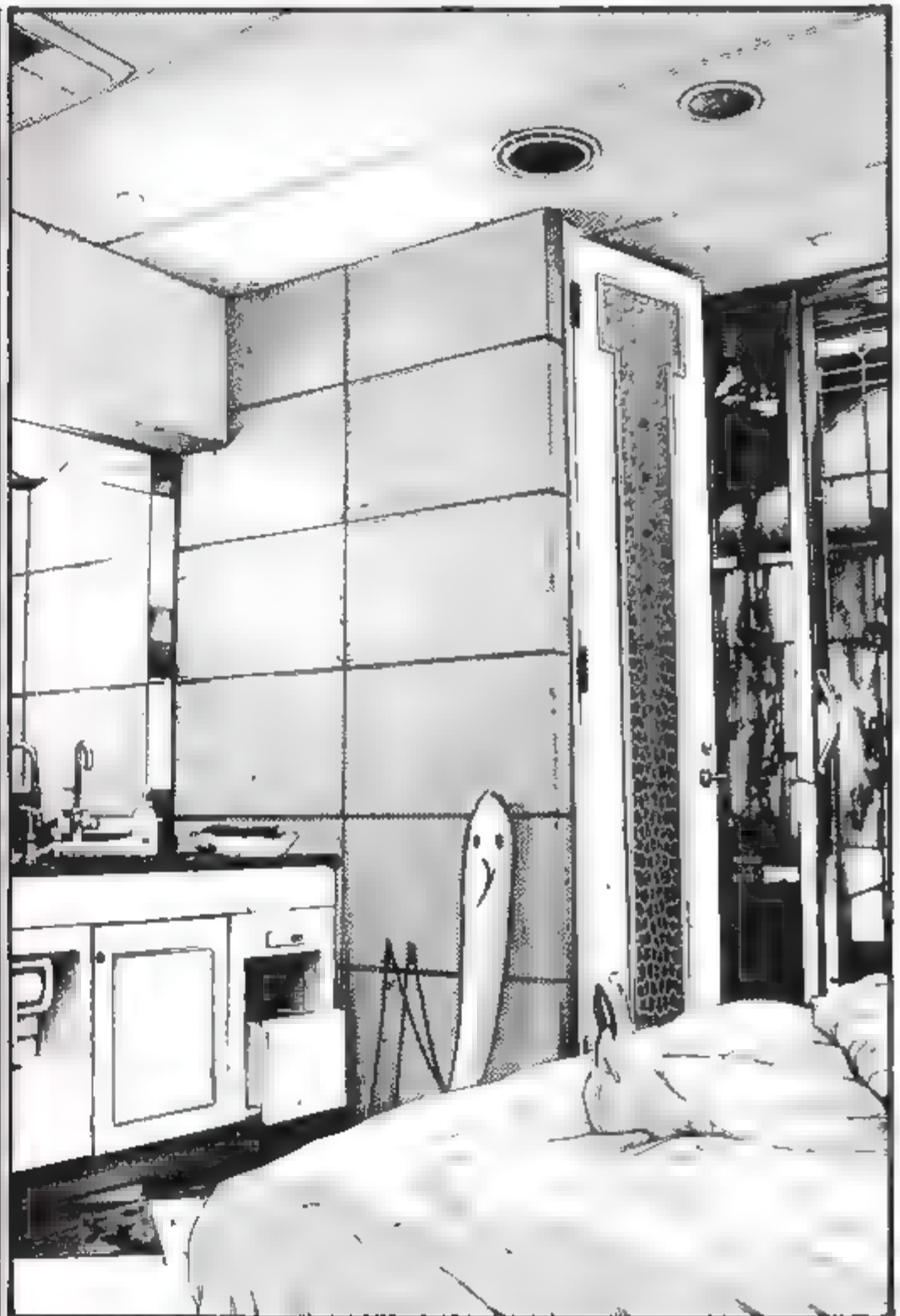




Punpun  
thought



"I've  
lost  
every-  
thing."







There's  
nothing  
left  
to do.



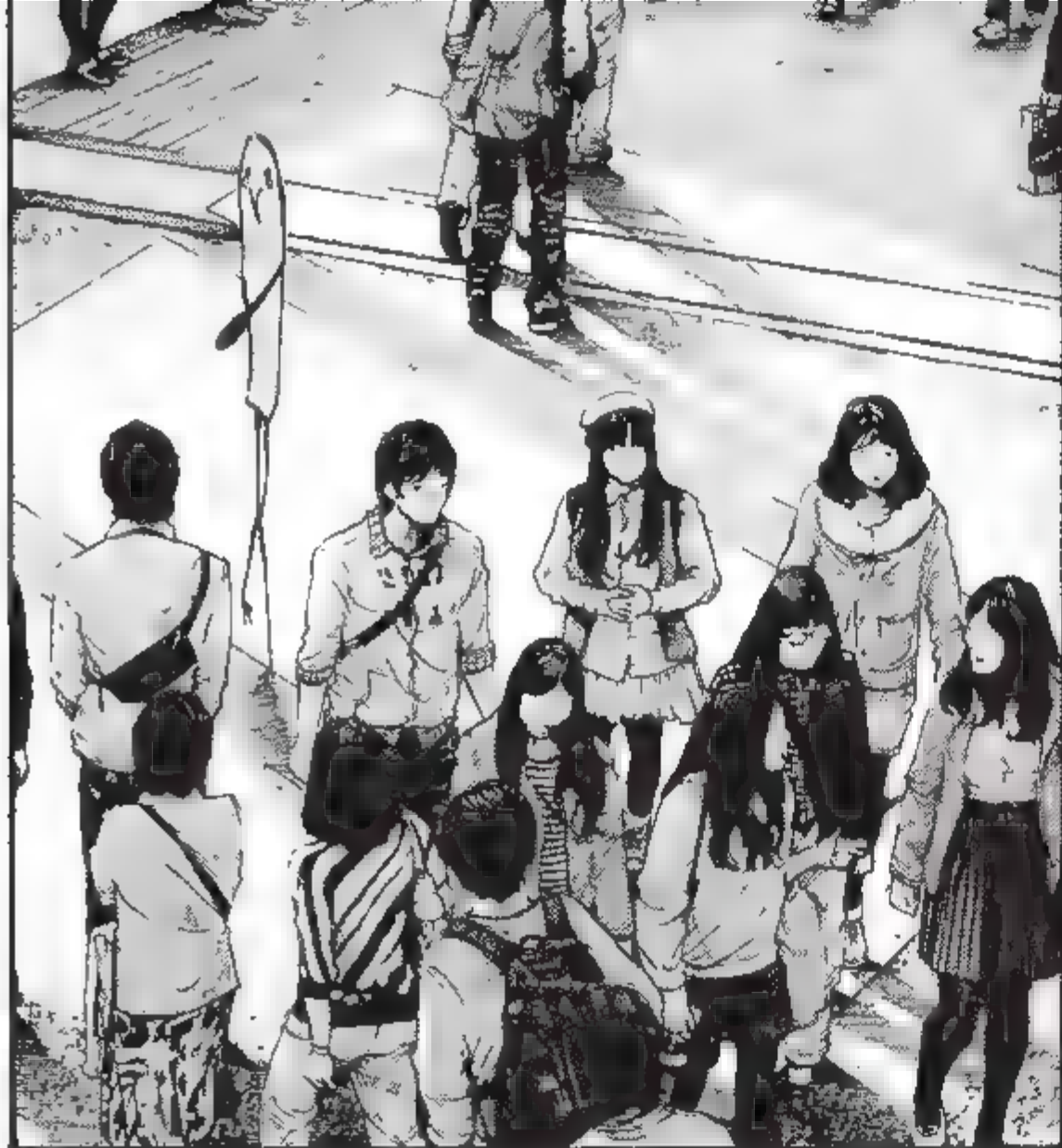


The early mid-May morning held hands with the wind between the buildings and carried a feeling of nascent summer.

...and headed for the sewer with bloody semen.

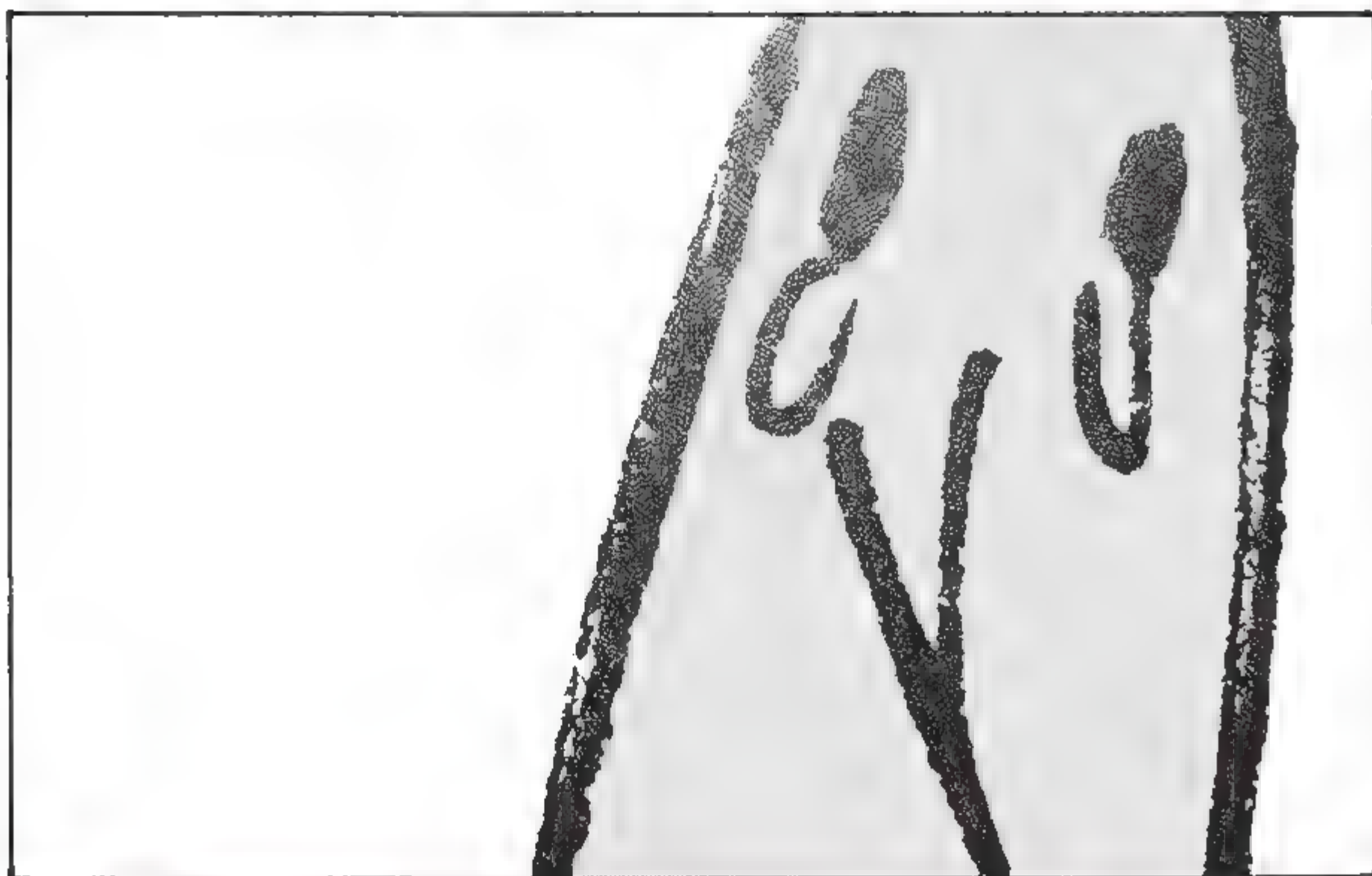
The sense of emptiness got off the prostate line at urethra station.





As long  
as he stayed  
put, summer  
should  
arrive all on  
its own.

There  
was no  
reason for  
Punpun to  
walk around  
anymore.



He was  
really  
looking  
forward to  
summer.





YOU WERE THE ONE WHO COMPLAINED BIG-TIME WHEN WE WENT FOR DRINKS.

STOP IT. I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM. AND HE DOES AS GOOD A JOB AS ANYONE ELSE.

I'M NOT SAYING I HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST HIM BEING ANXIOUS

...BUT DOESN'T HE GET HOW STRESSFUL IT IS FOR US TO TIPTOE AROUND HIS FEELINGS?

HOW...

...CAN PUNPUN ACT SO NONCHALANT?



...Mr. Shishido, who was the one who had encouraged Punpun to get his license, was still in the hospital.

But...

Punpun was still strong.

That's right...

It was only until Punpun could make back the \$3,000 he had paid for driving school...







Die,  
die,  
die!

You  
idiot!  
You  
piece  
of shit!

Are  
you  
kid-  
ding  
me?

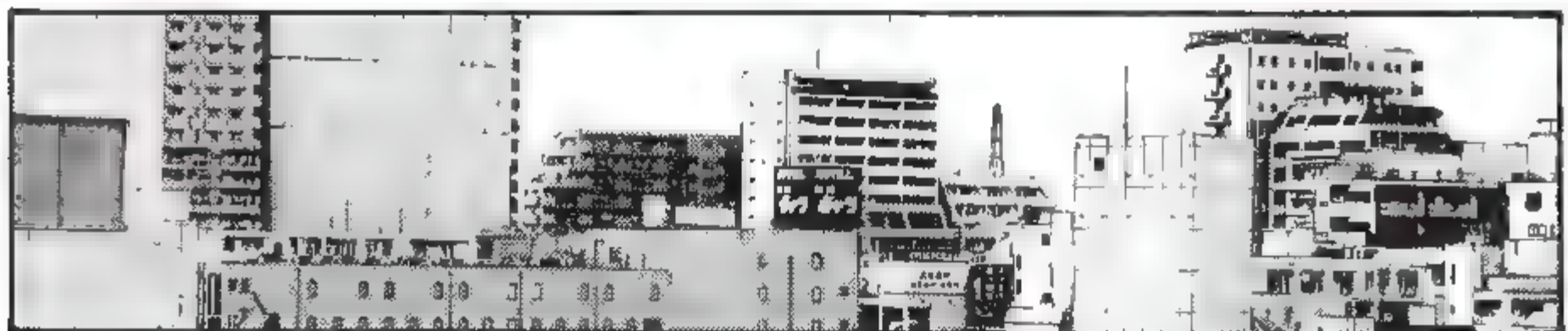
Are  
you  
kid-  
ding  
me?

...and  
I'll live  
wherever  
has the  
most  
beautiful  
scenery.

I'll bring  
the bare  
minimum of  
luggage...

...I'm going  
to go far,  
far away,  
where I  
don't know  
anyone!

When  
I get my  
license...



That's  
what  
Punpun  
thought.

...but it  
would be  
nice to find  
a special  
someone  
there...

I  
don't care  
if it's far,  
far in the  
future...

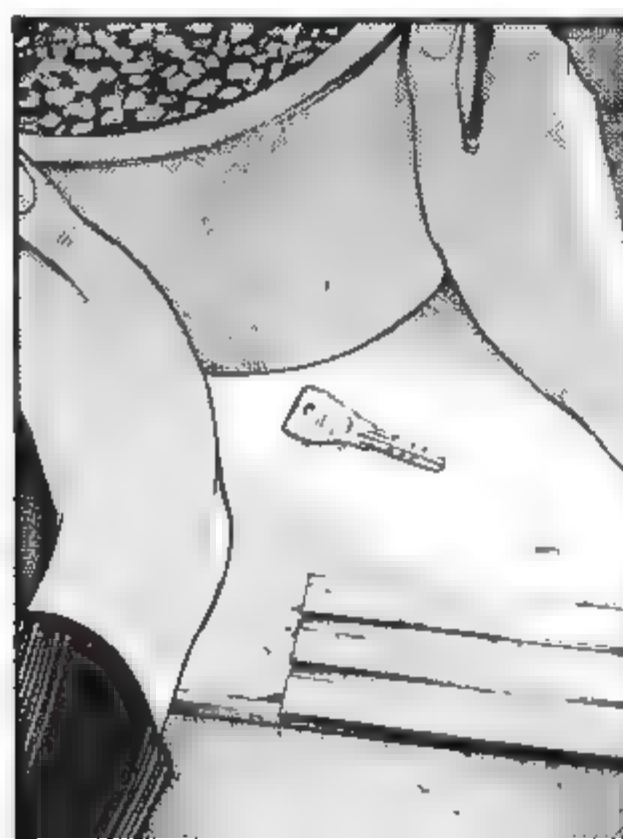
I'm not  
in a hurry  
anymore.



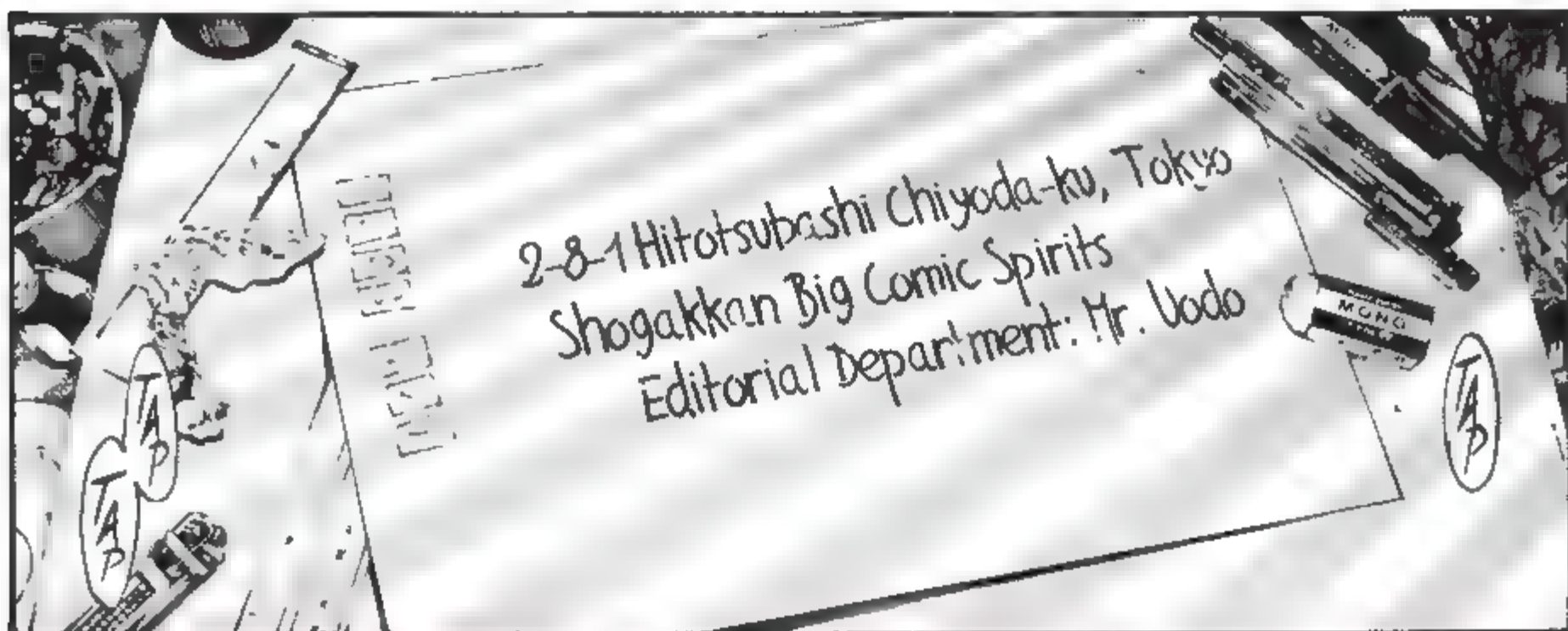


...standing  
in front of  
Sachi's  
building.

He found  
himself...

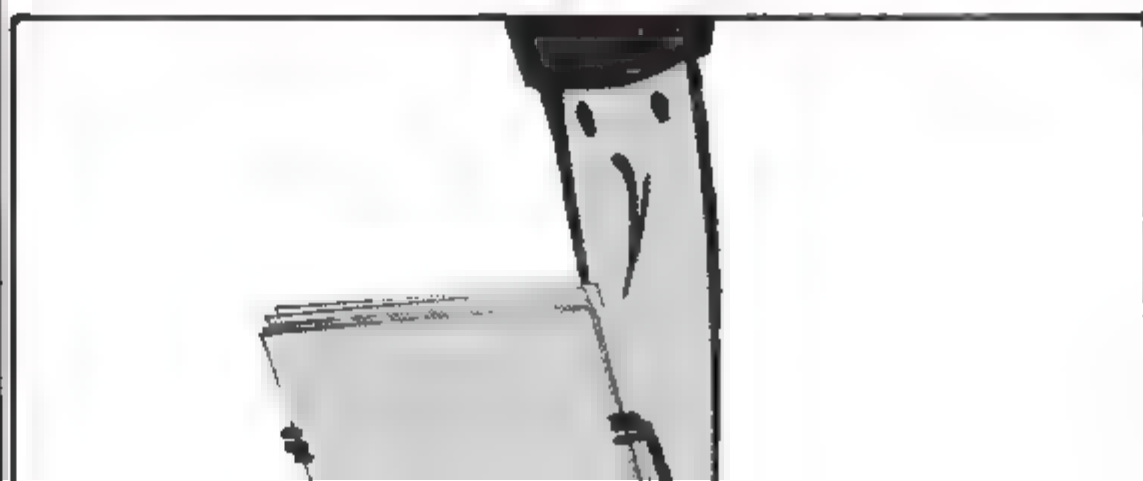




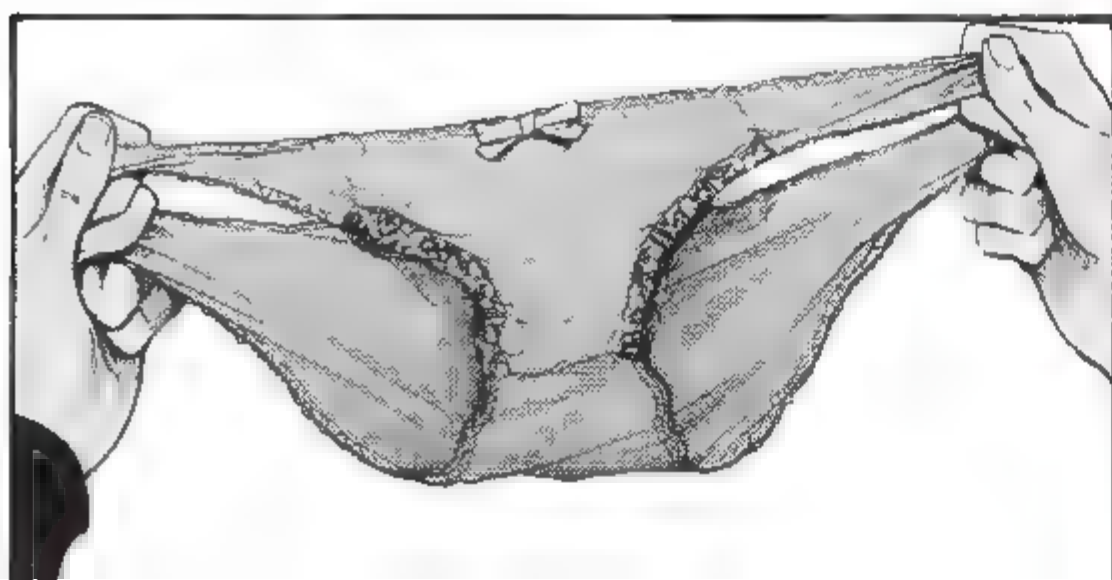
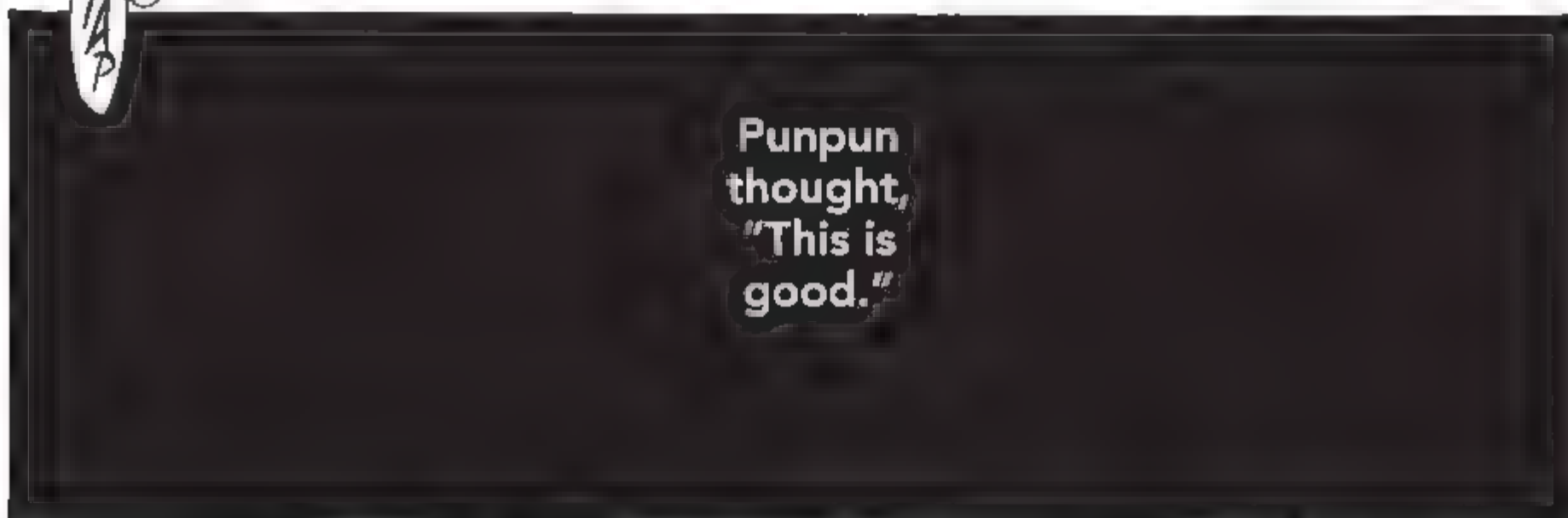
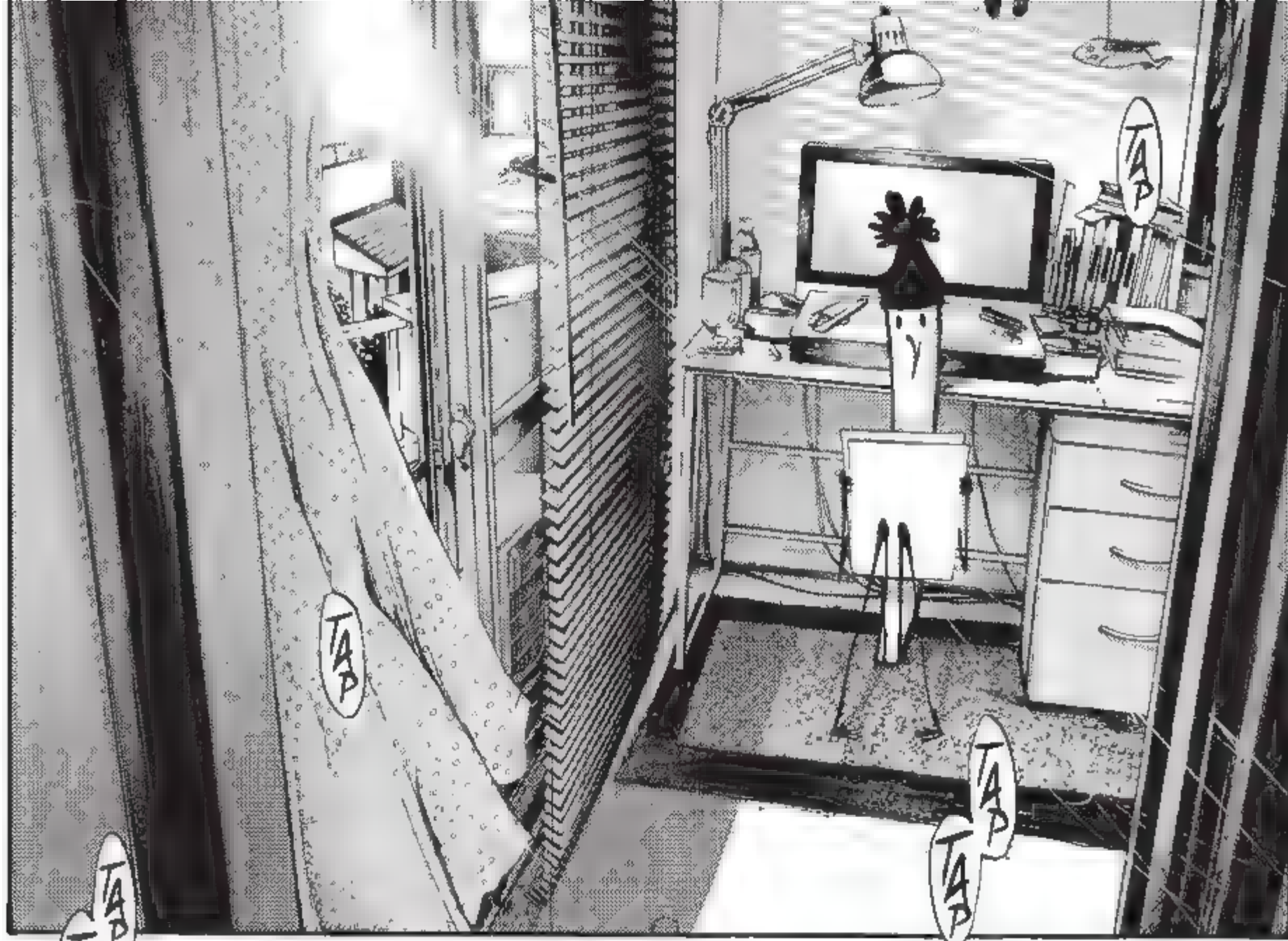


...conveyed  
Sachi's  
talent  
without any  
help from  
Punpun.

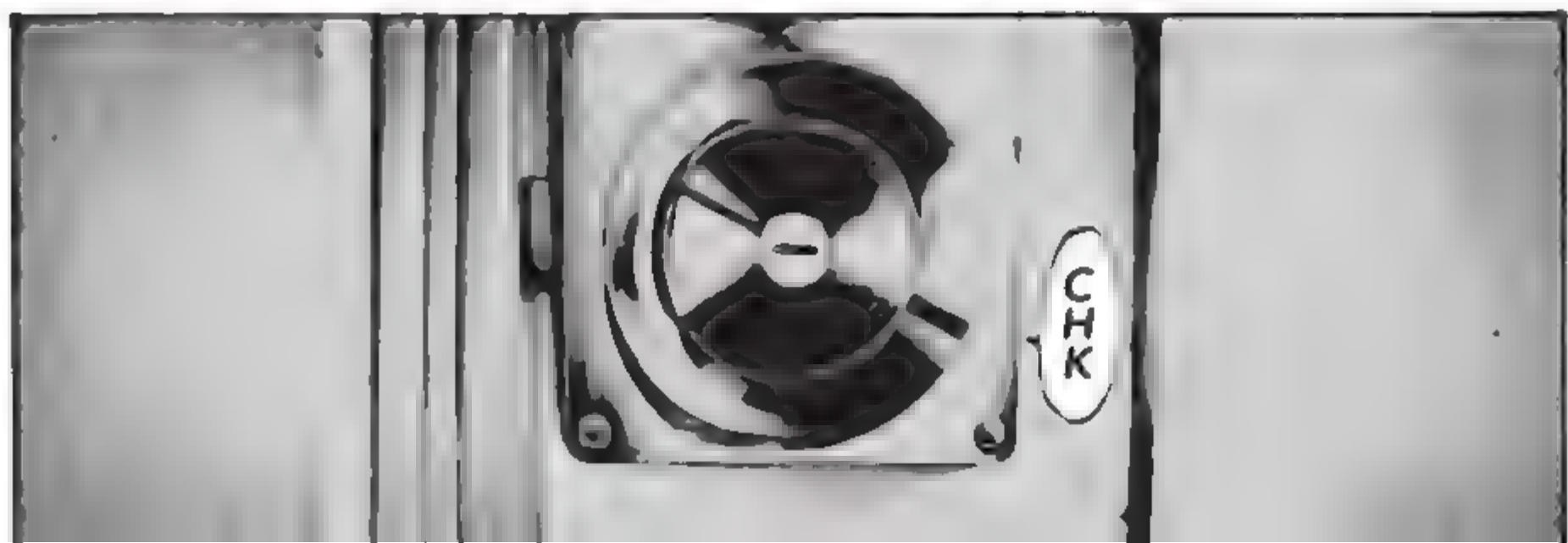
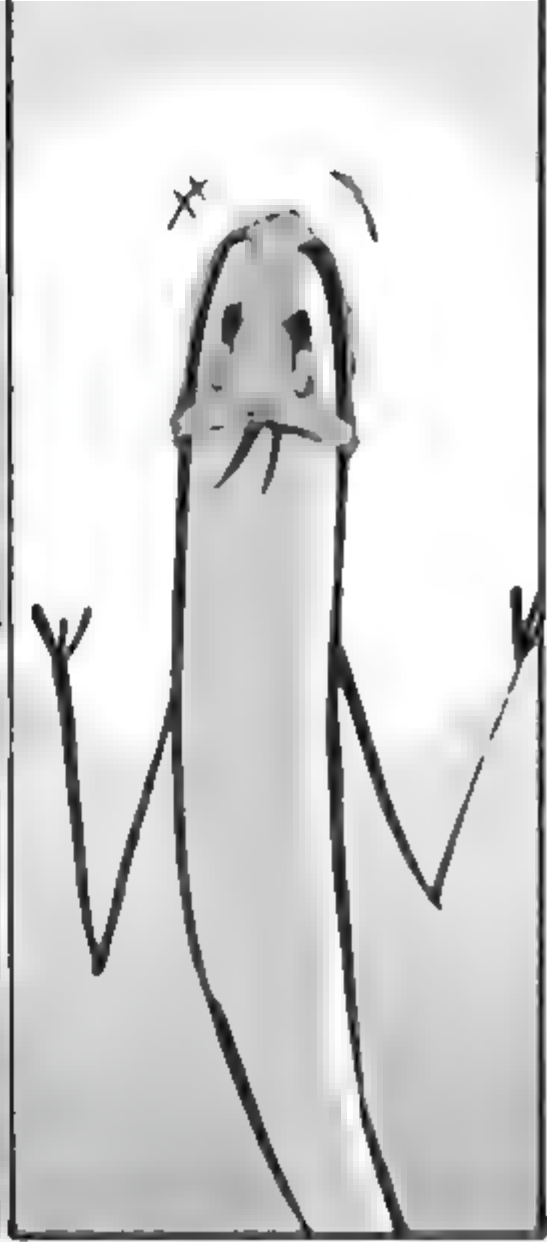
The  
completed  
manuscript  
carelessly  
strewn on  
the desk...



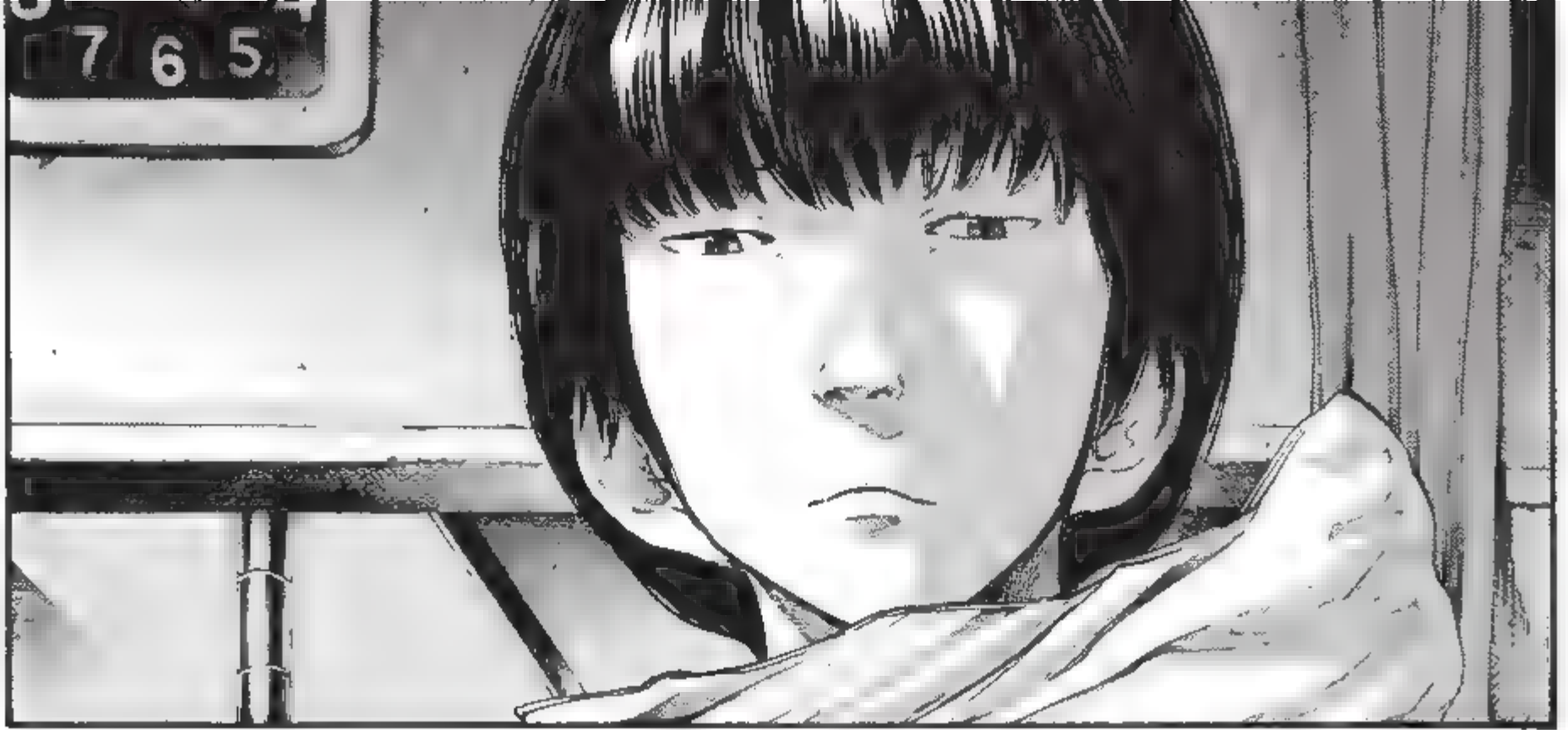




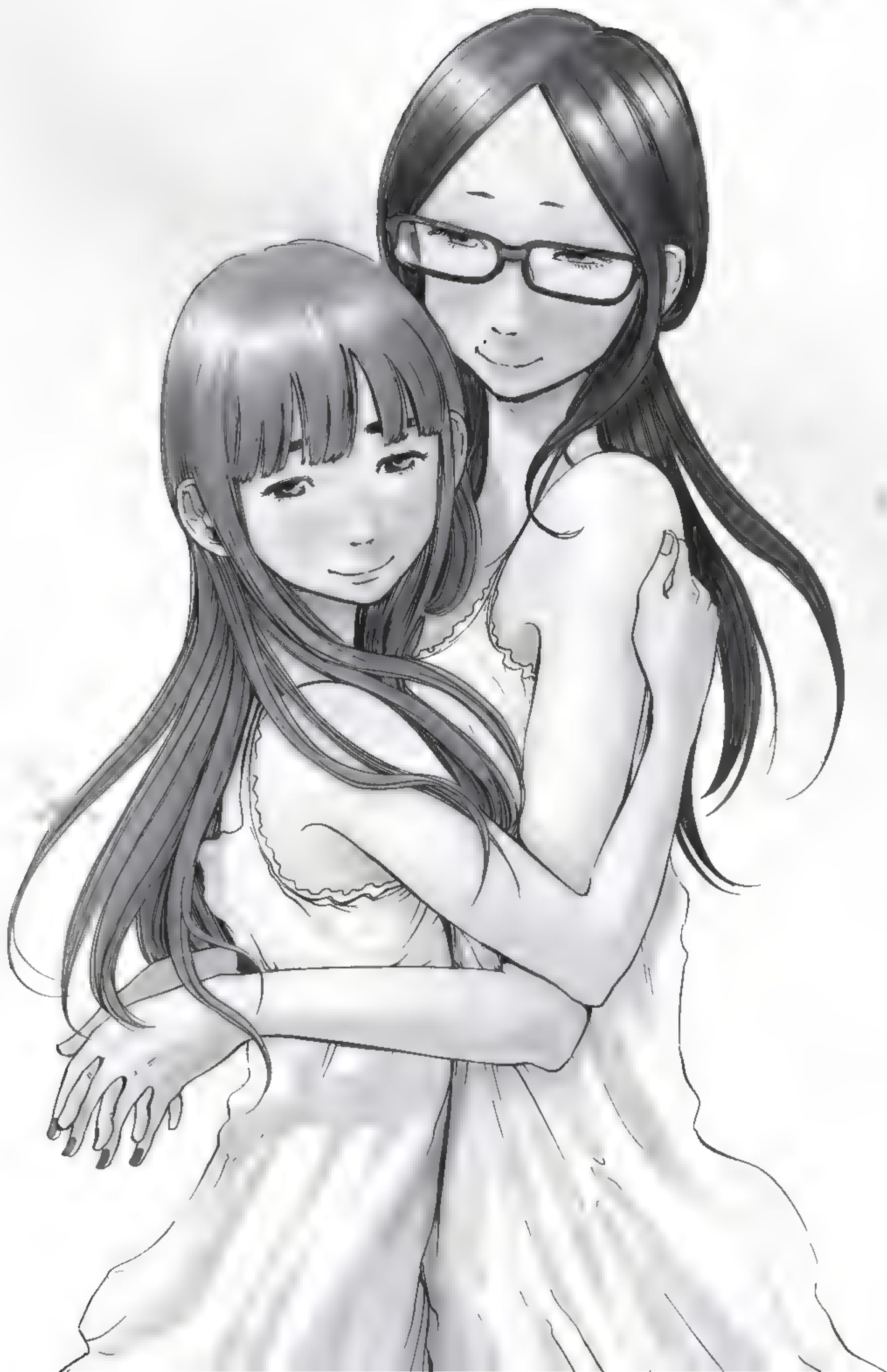




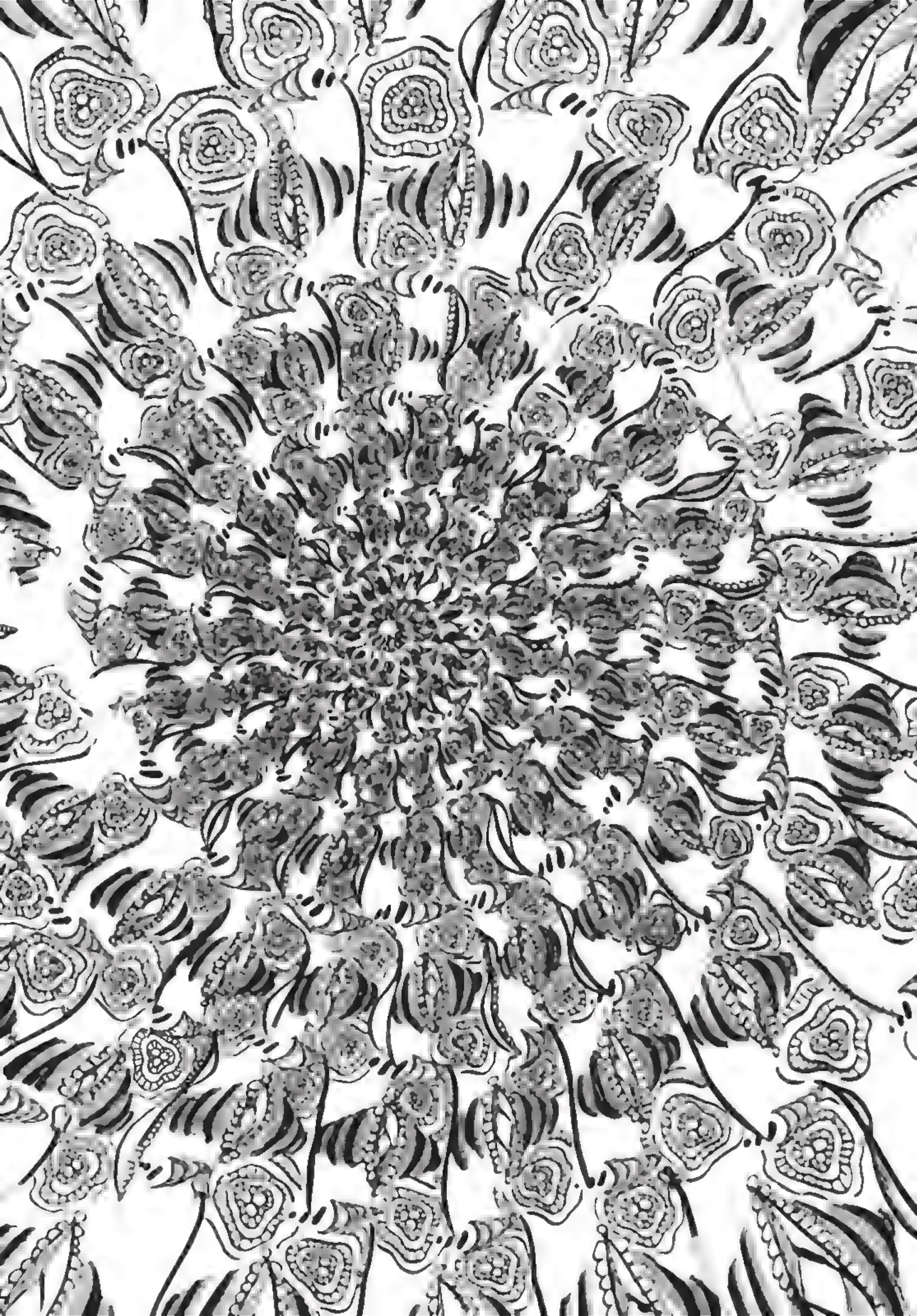




















I JUST  
WANTED TO  
HAVE A WORD  
WITH HIM, OUT  
OF CONCERN.

WELL,  
I GUESS  
THERE'S  
NO NEED TO  
TAKE ACTION,  
CIRCUMSTANCES  
BEING WHAT  
THEY ARE.

I'M ONLY  
YOUR EX-  
HUSBAND.



EVENTUALLY  
SHE'LL CAST  
YOU ASIDE  
WITHOUT  
HESITATION.

SHE'S  
STRICTLY  
FOCUSED ON  
SELF-ACTU-  
ALIZATION.

YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
HANG  
AROUND  
SACHI  
ANYMORE.



THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU KEPT  
HARASSING  
ME TO GET  
A JOB.

SHE WAS  
LIKE THAT IN  
COLLEGE.

SHE GOT  
AN OFFER FOR  
A MEDIA JOB  
WITHOUT EVEN  
TRYING, BUT SHE  
DECLINED IT AND  
DROPPED OUT  
OF SCHOOL...

ONCE  
SACHI  
DECIDES  
TO DO  
SOMETHING,  
SHE HAS A  
RIDICULOUS  
AMOUNT OF  
ENERGY.



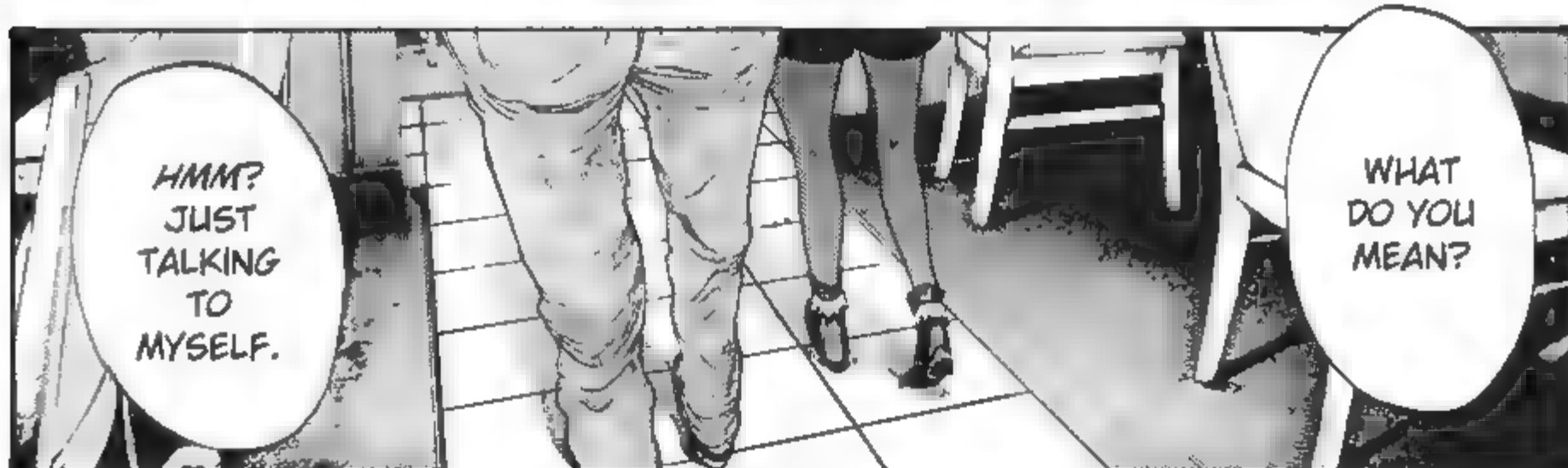


A  
CONTRARIAN  
IS ACTUALLY  
PRETTY EASY  
TO MANAGE.

I THOUGHT  
THAT IF SHE  
DIDN'T HAVE  
HER OWN  
INCOME,  
SHE'D RELY  
ON ME  
MORE.

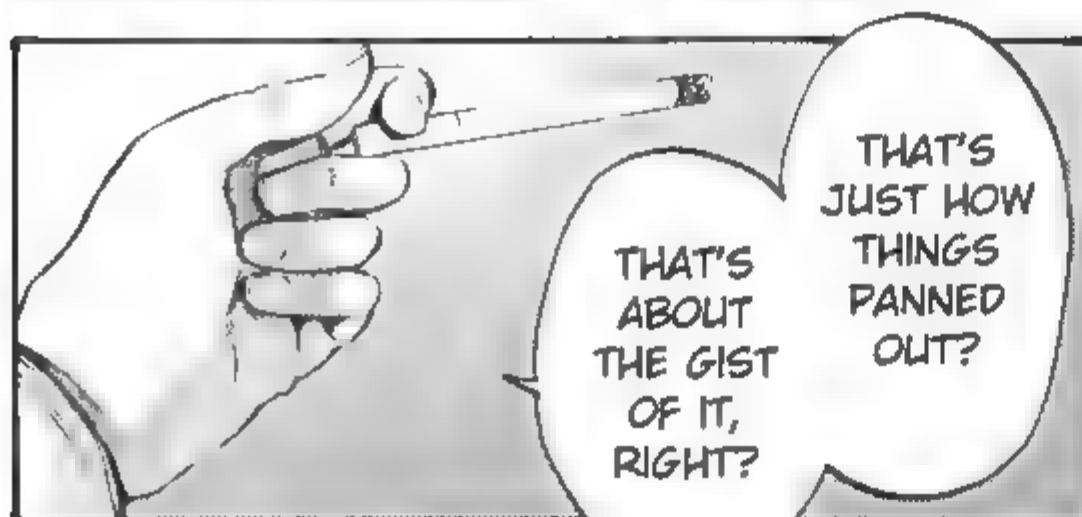
I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
SHE'D  
DIVORCE  
ME.

IF YOU  
WANT THEM  
TO GO RIGHT,  
JUST TELL  
THEM TO GO  
LEFT.



HMM?  
JUST  
TALKING  
TO  
MYSELF.

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?



THAT'S  
ABOUT  
THE GIST  
OF IT,  
RIGHT?

THAT'S  
JUST HOW  
THINGS  
PANNED  
OUT?



PUNPUN  
...

...I  
HEAR...

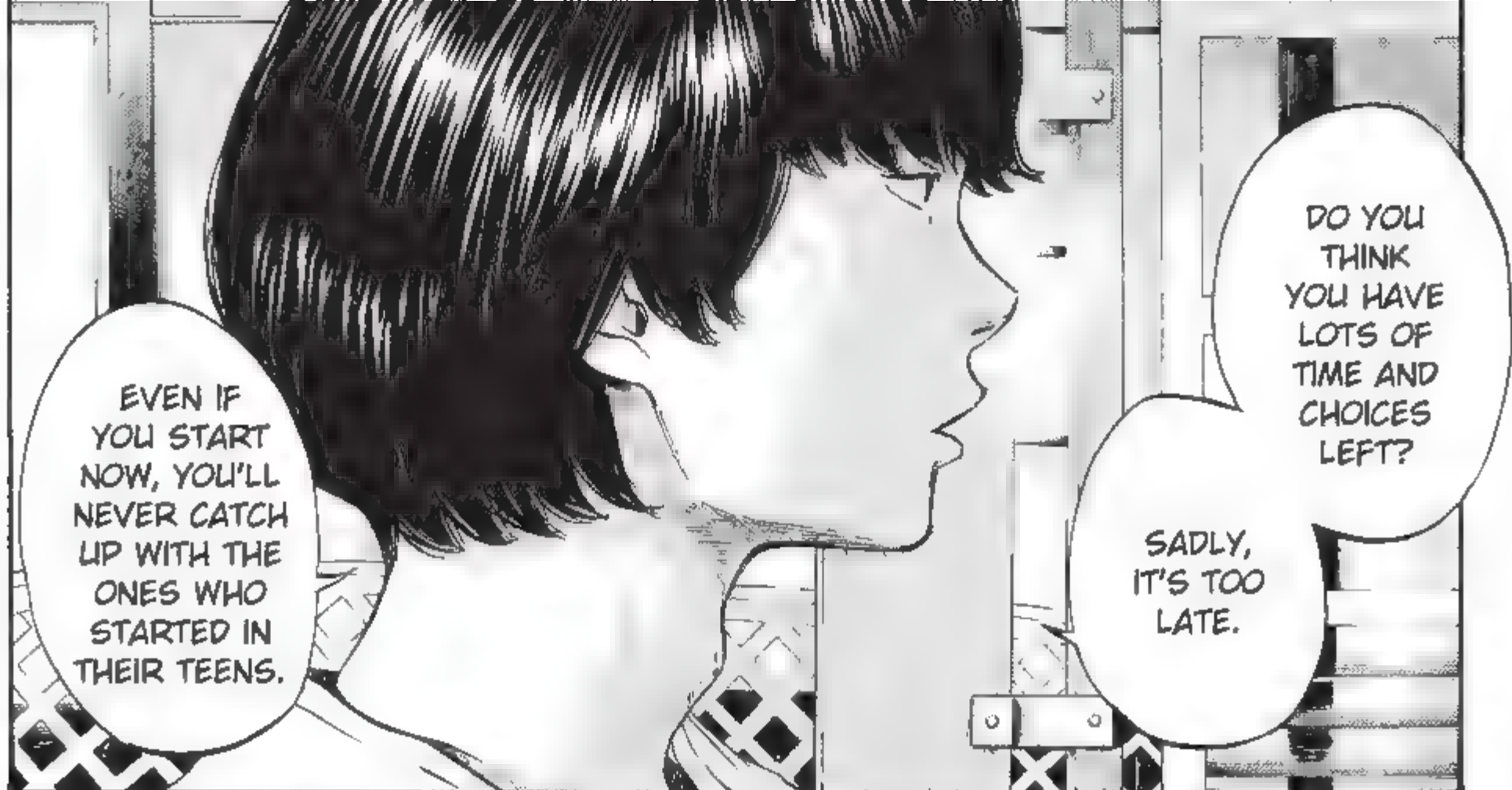
...YOU  
WANT TO  
WORK  
IN REAL  
ESTATE.  
WHY?



IF THAT'S  
HOW YOU'VE  
BEEN LIVING,  
THAT'S PRETTY  
MUCH ALL  
YOUR LIFE WILL  
AMOUNT TO.

YOU'RE  
TWENTY  
NOW,  
RIGHT?





EVEN IF  
YOU START  
NOW, YOU'LL  
NEVER CATCH  
UP WITH THE  
ONES WHO  
STARTED IN  
THEIR TEENS.

DO YOU  
THINK  
YOU HAVE  
LOTS OF  
TIME AND  
CHOICES  
LEFT?

SADLY,  
IT'S TOO  
LATE.



...A LOSER  
IS ALWAYS  
A LOSER.

EVEN  
IF YOU  
EXPERIENCE  
SOME  
FLEETING  
HAPPINESS...

SUCCESS IS  
ONLY DEFINED  
BY HAVING A  
JOB WORTH  
DOING AND BEING  
COMPENSATED  
FOR IT.

OKAY,  
I'LL BE  
BLUNT...

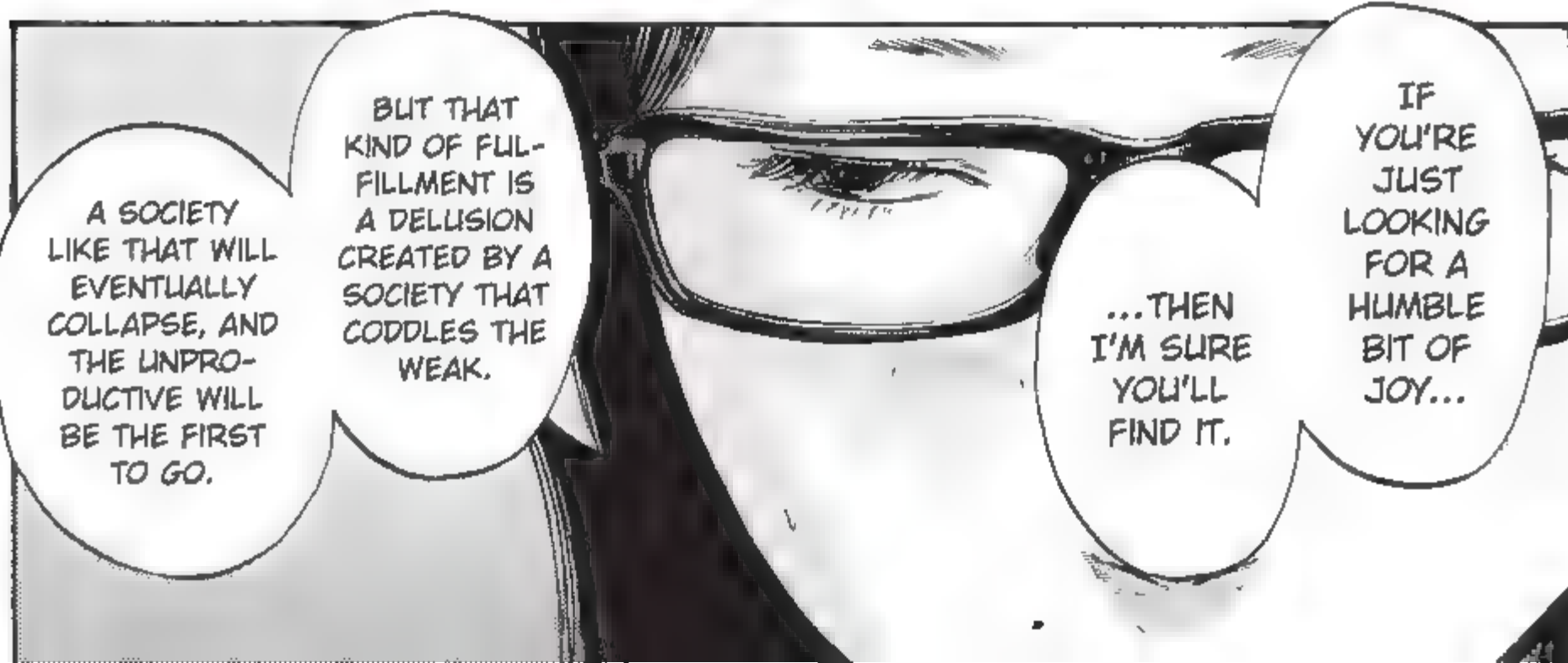


PURSUEING  
YOUR  
INTER-  
ESTS?

GOOD  
HEALTH  
AND A  
LONG  
LIFE?

MAR-  
RIAGE?

WHAT'S  
YOUR  
DEFINITION  
OF  
HAPPINESS,  
ONODERA?



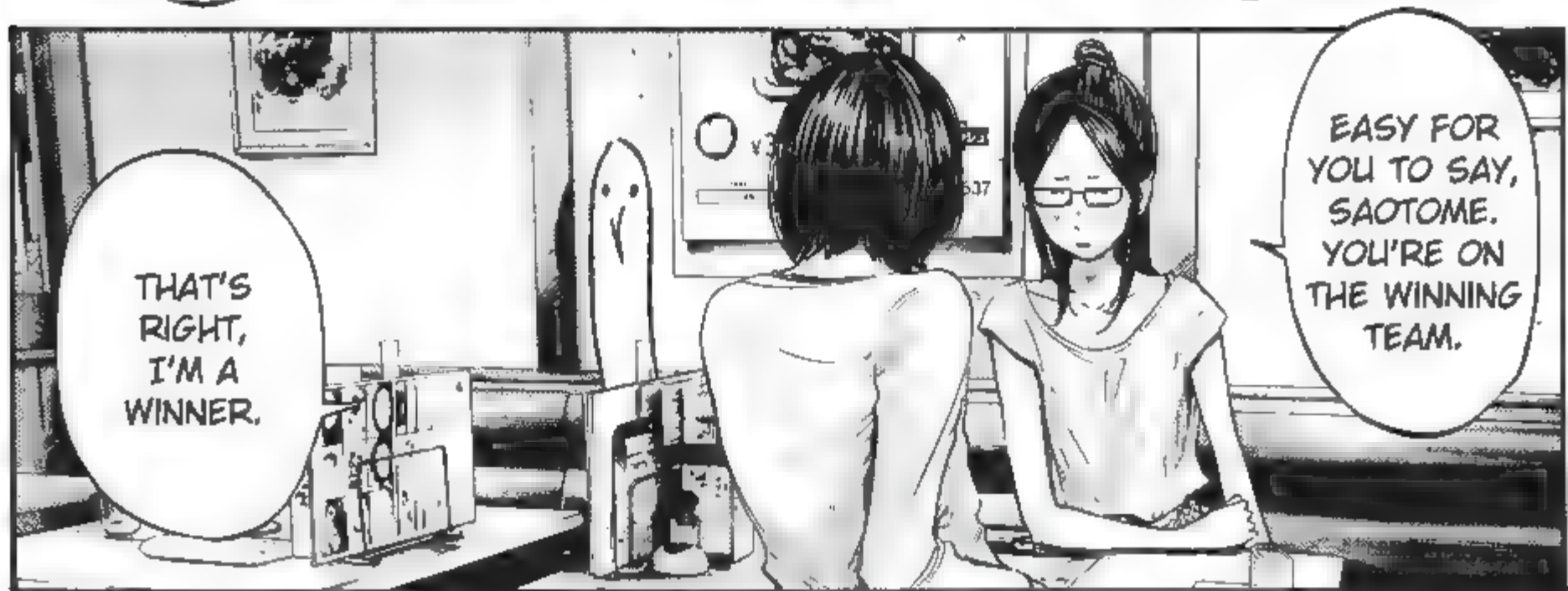
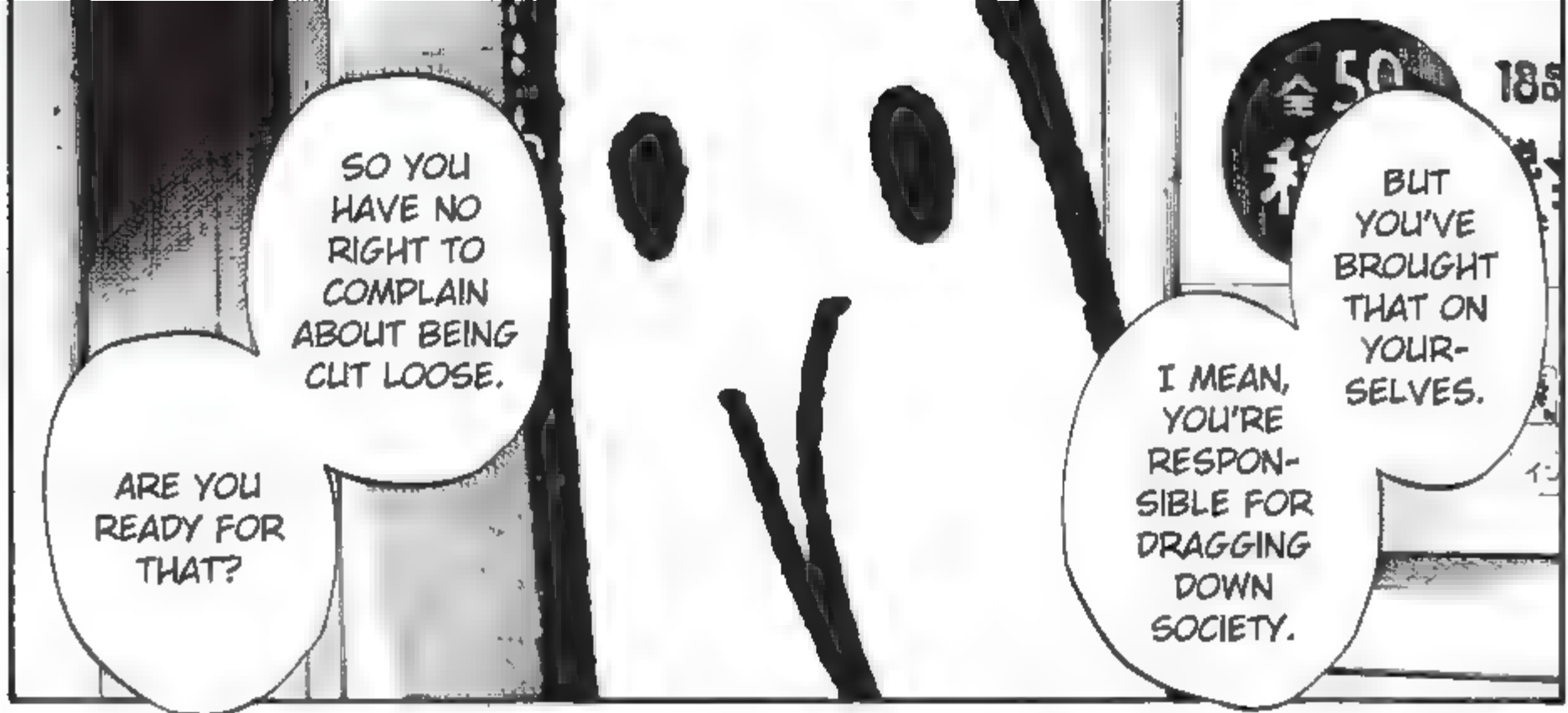
A SOCIETY  
LIKE THAT WILL  
EVENTUALLY  
COLLAPSE, AND  
THE UNPRO-  
DUCTIVE WILL  
BE THE FIRST  
TO GO.

BUT THAT  
KIND OF FUL-  
FILLMENT IS  
A DELUSION  
CREATED BY A  
SOCIETY THAT  
CODDLES THE  
WEAK.

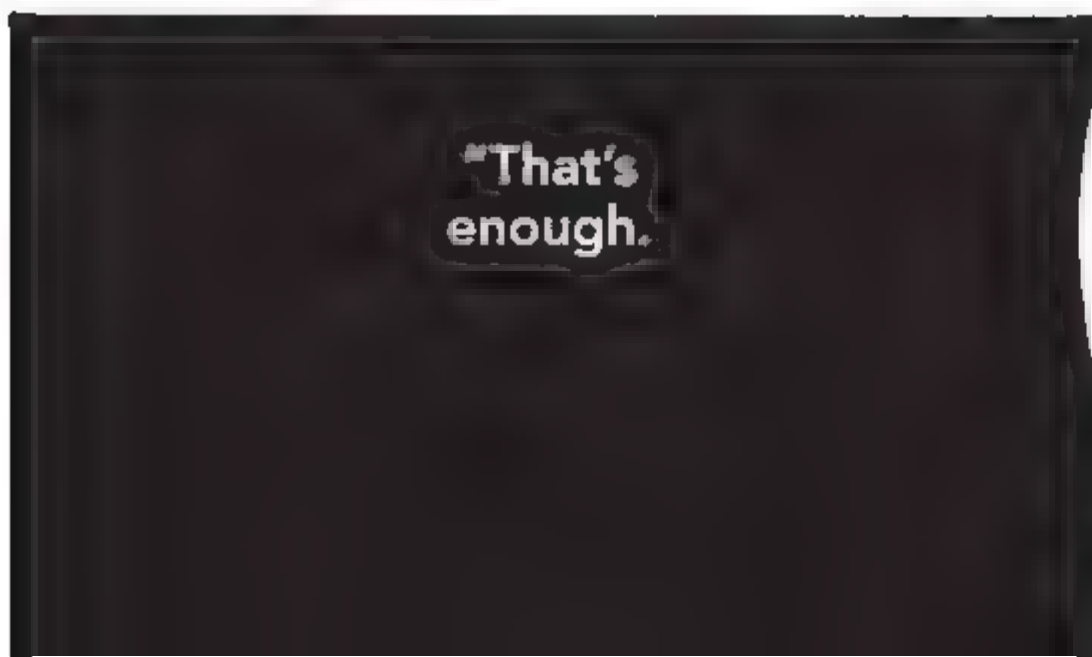
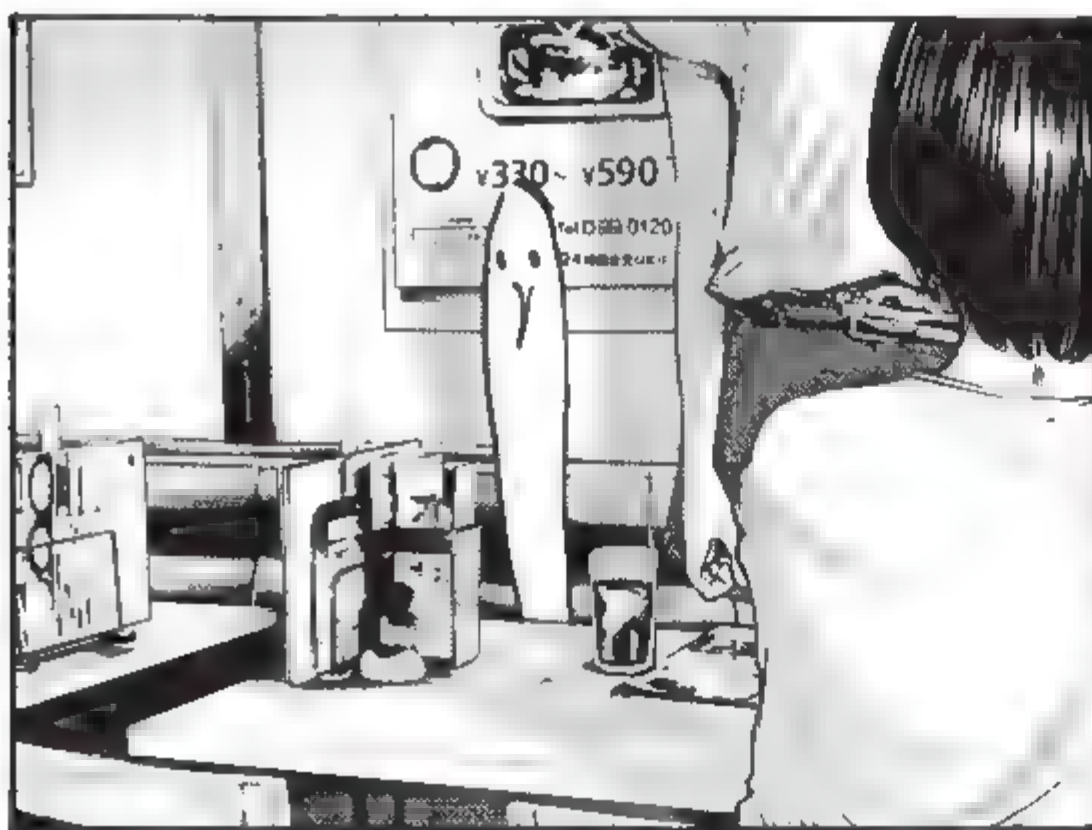
...THEN  
I'M SURE  
YOU'LL  
FIND IT.

IF  
YOU'RE  
JUST  
LOOKING  
FOR A  
HUMBLE  
BIT OF  
JOY...













"I  
already  
know  
all that."



"The  
only  
thing  
I can  
say..."





"...is that you  
and I are clearly  
incompatible."

SAO-  
TOME

...

HE...

...HAS  
NO  
WEAK-  
NESSES.

7  
F





BUT  
I WAS  
REALLY  
DISAP-  
POINTED  
BY THAT  
RANT.

SO...

...I NEED  
TO TELL  
YOU TWO  
THINGS.



...AND  
DESPISE  
HIM FOR  
IT.

I  
RESPECT  
HIM FOR  
THAT...



IT'S GOING  
TO BE PUBLISHED  
IN A MAGAZINE  
SOON AS A FILLER,  
SINCE ANOTHER  
ARTIST COULDN'T  
MEET THE  
DEADLINE.

...ABOUT  
THAT MANGA  
I WROTE BY  
MYSELF.

THE  
FIRST  
IS...



...SO IF  
IT'S WELL  
RECEIVED,  
THEY MAY  
TURN IT  
INTO A  
SERIES.

I WON  
THE BEST  
NEWCOMER  
PRIZE MY  
FIRST TIME  
AROUND...

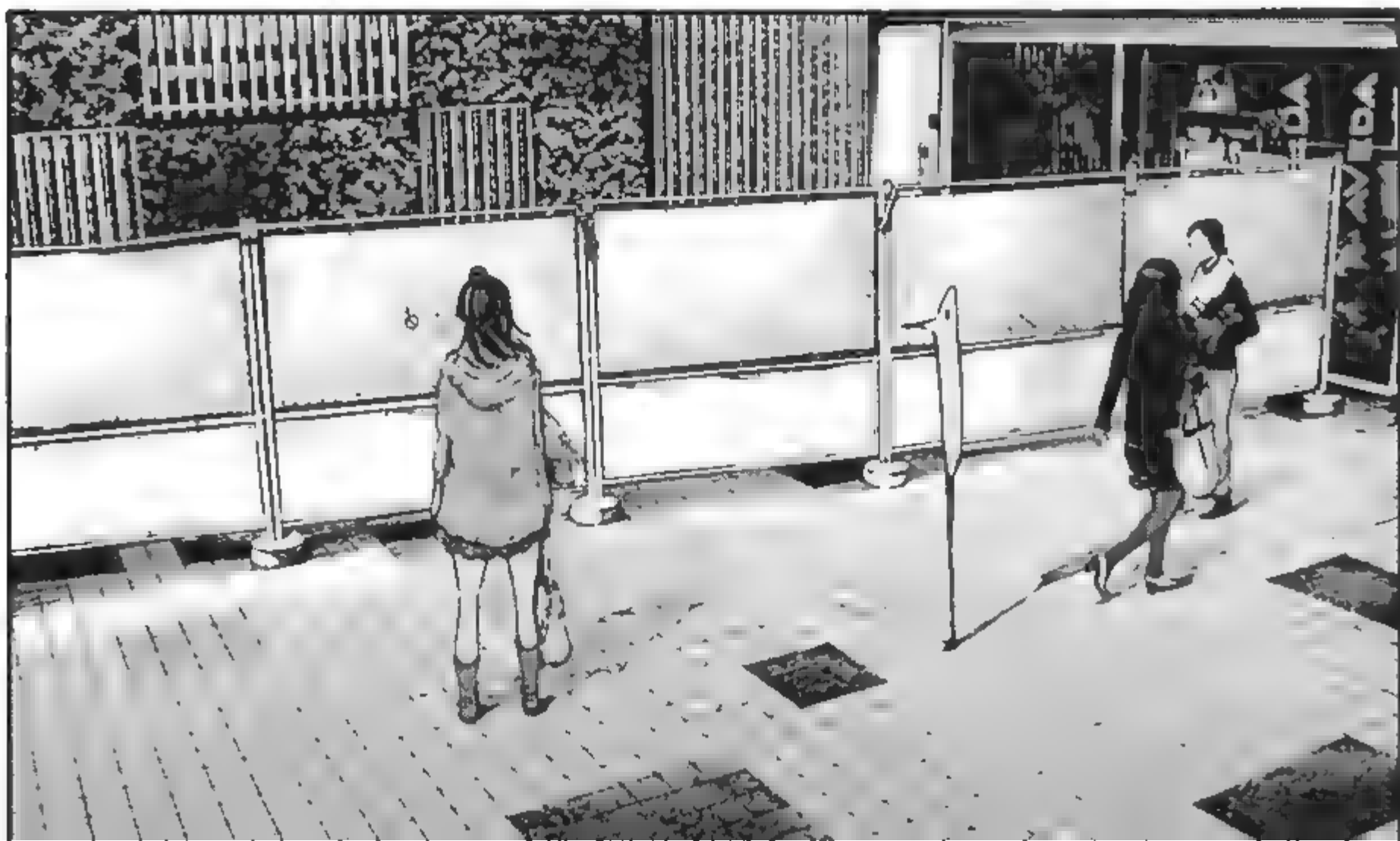
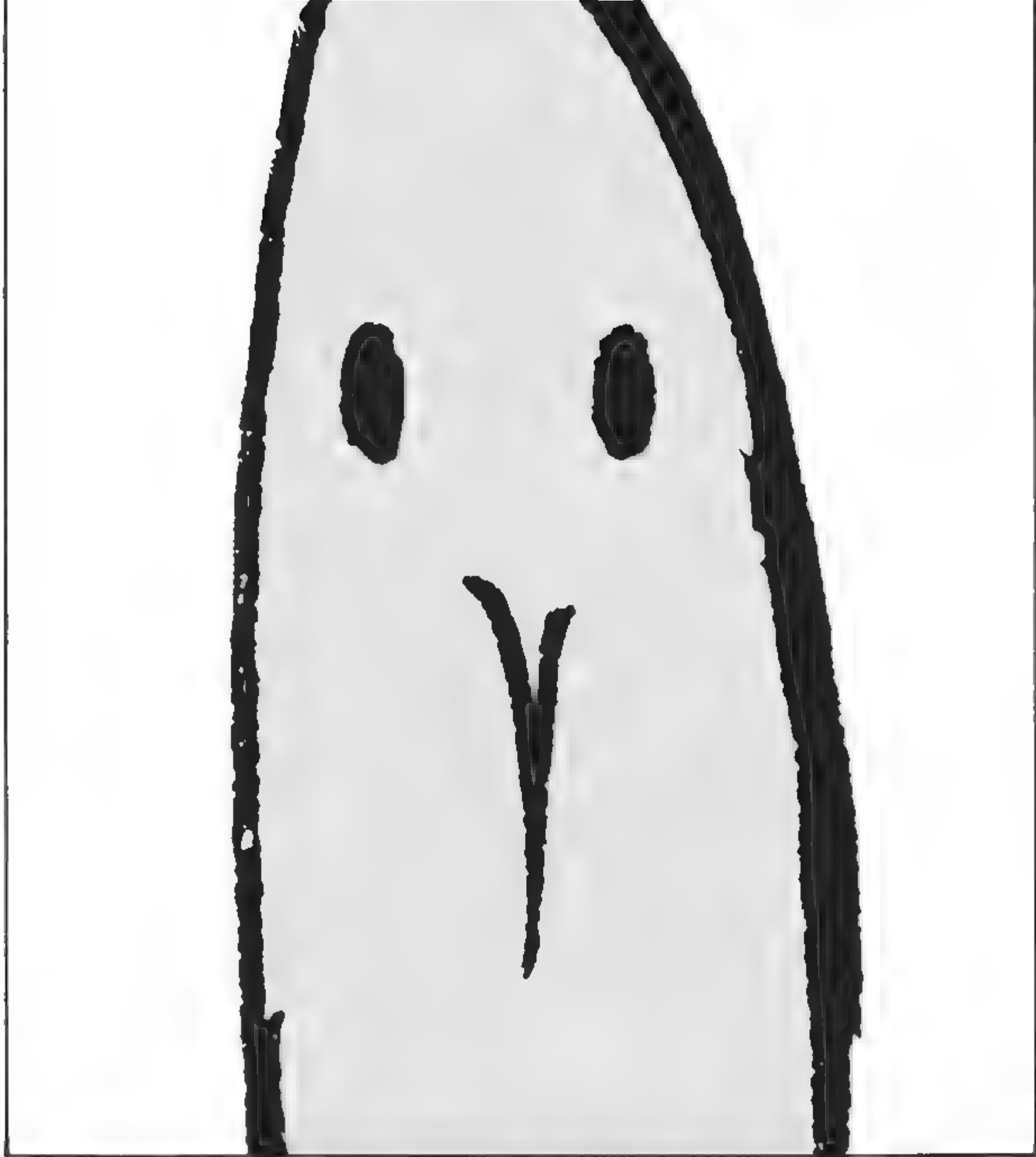














"He  
came in  
you."

PLORD

SHINJUKU

&

MOSA  
STREE

YES,  
HE  
DID.

IT'S  
SAOTOME'S.

SORRY.

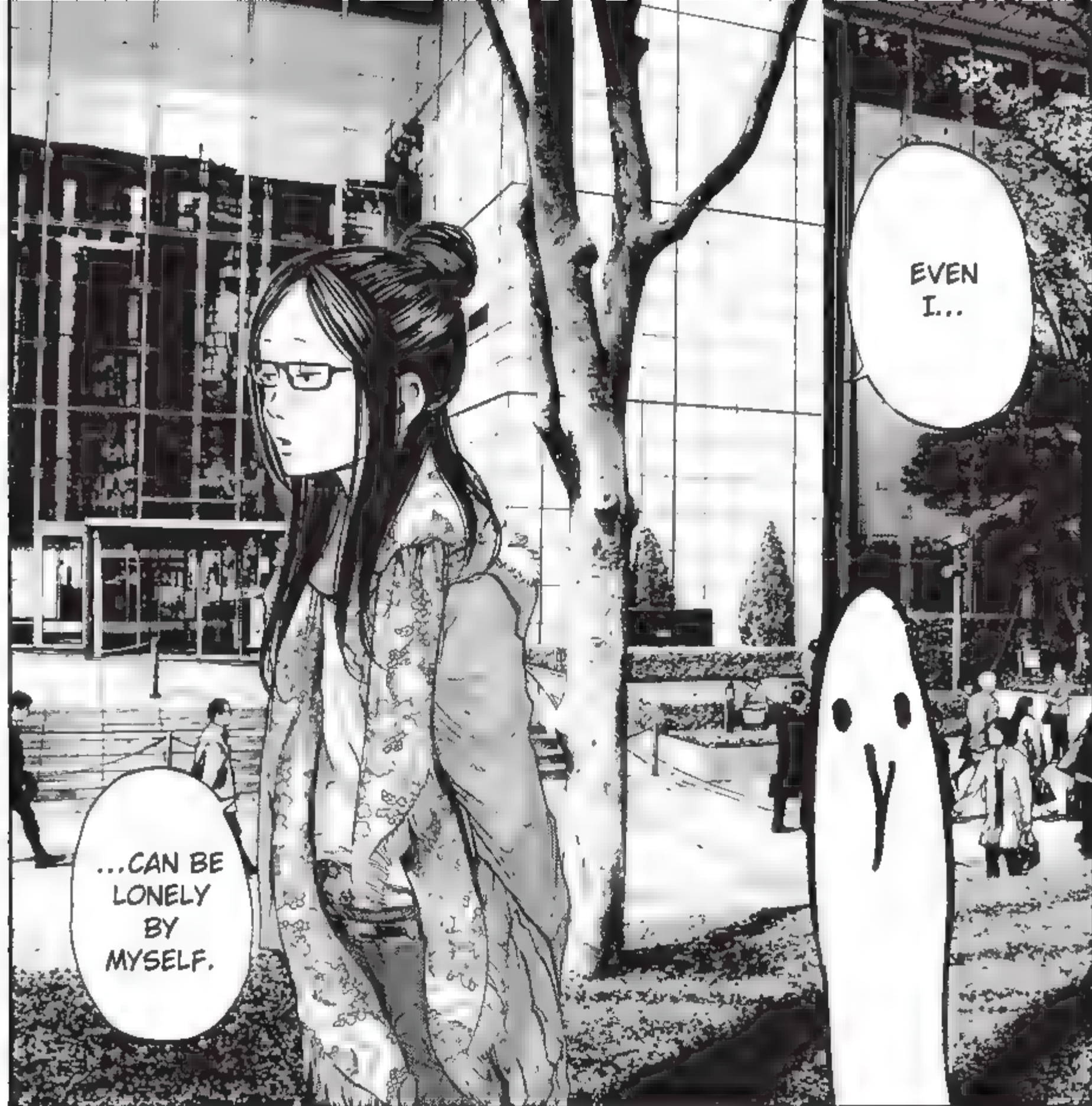
NO...

I MEAN,  
YOU AND I  
AREN'T...

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
FOR ME TO  
APOLOGIZE  
ABOUT.

WE  
AREN'T...





"Who's  
more  
important  
to you—  
me or  
your ex?"



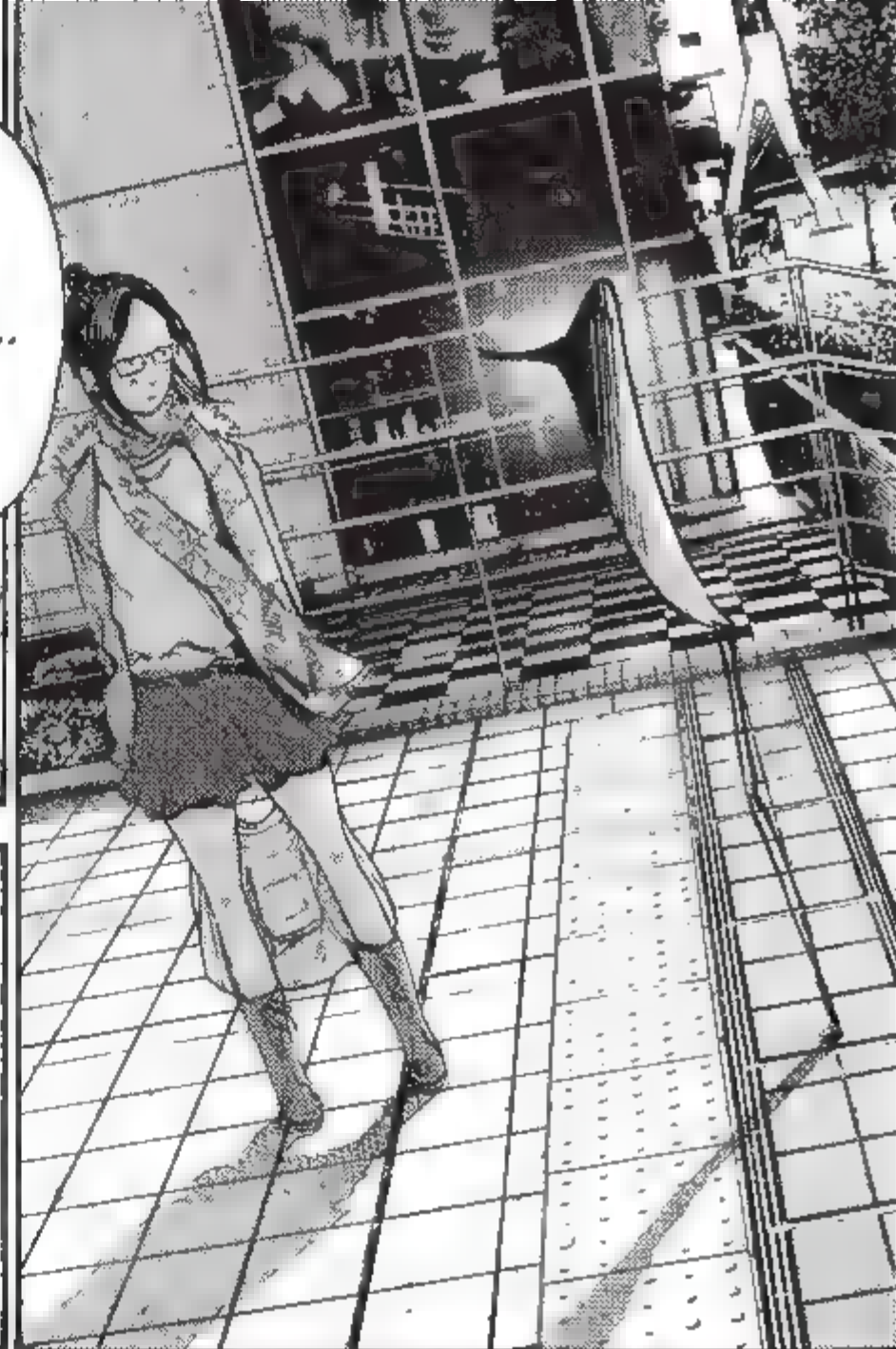
"Sachi..."





...WOULD  
MAKE YOU  
HAPPY?

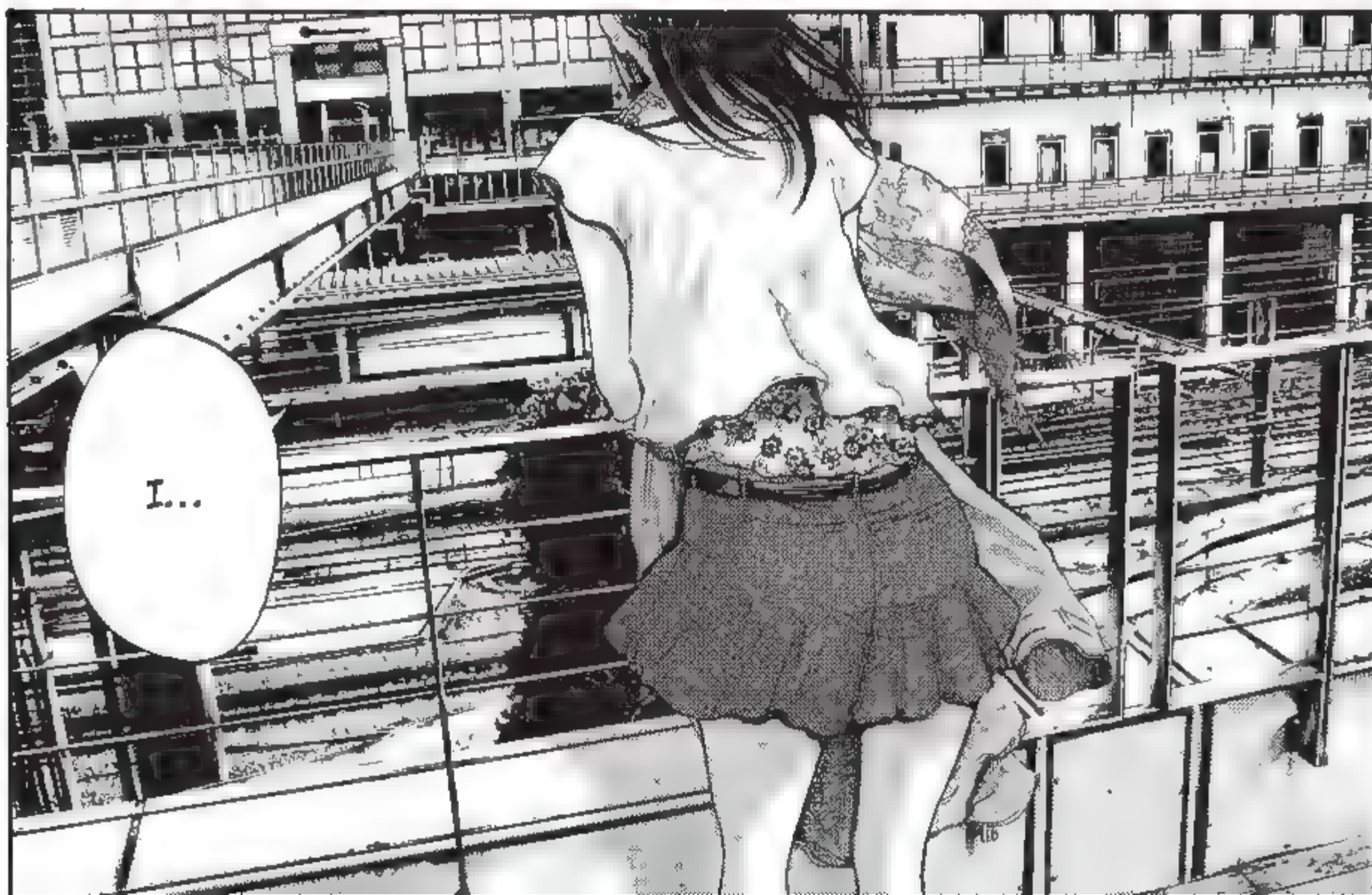
WHICH  
ANSWER...



...needless  
question.

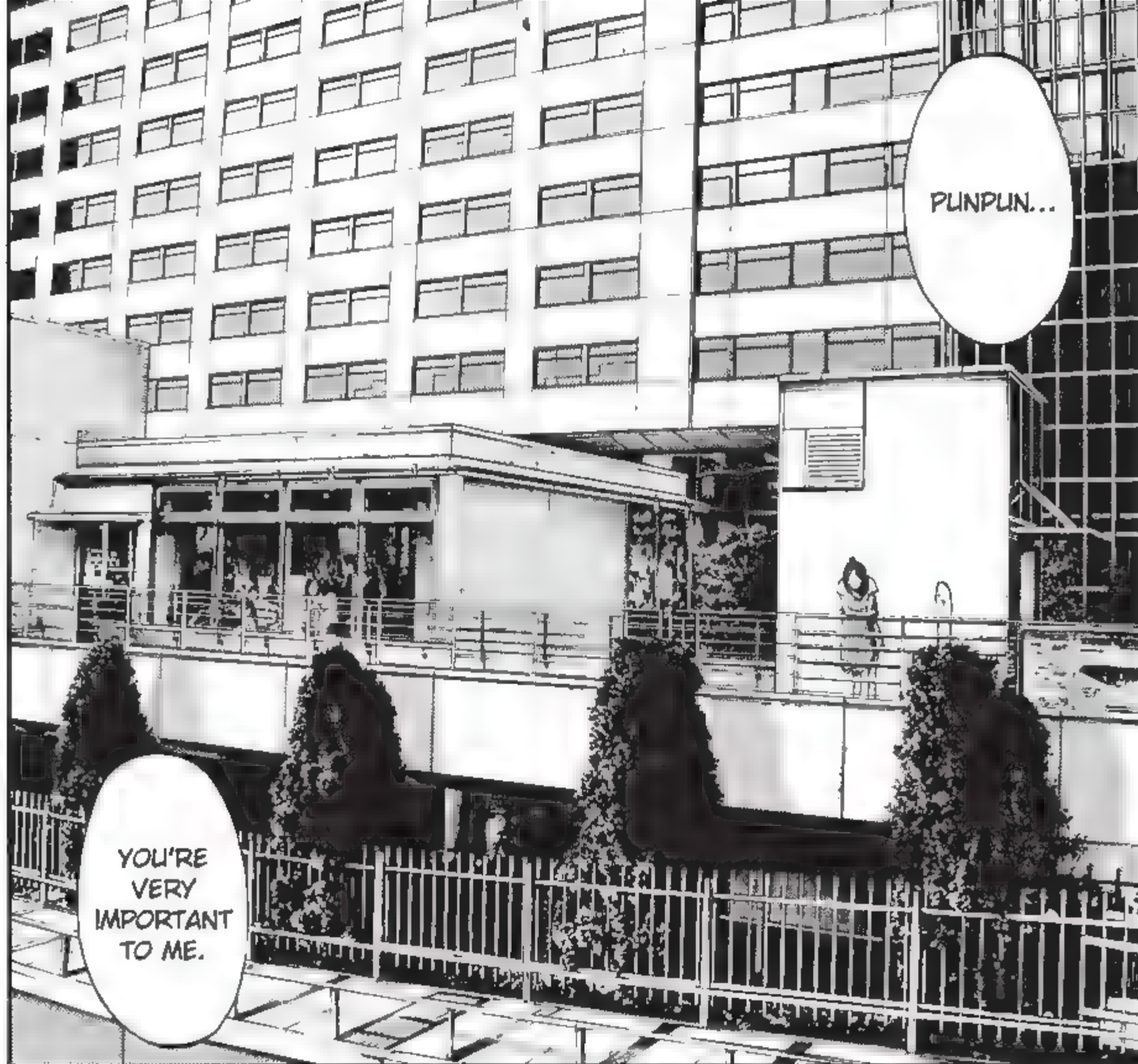
horrible

There  
was no  
need for  
that...



I...









...  
WONDERING  
IF I COULD  
GET AWAY  
WITH BEING  
SO SELFISH.

I WAS  
INDECISIVE  
FOR A LONG  
TIME...

I HAVE NO  
INTENTION  
OF TELLING  
SAOTOME  
OR SEEING  
HIM AGAIN...

...BUT  
HONESTLY, I  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT TO DO  
ANYMORE.

My  
needless  
question  
cuts further  
into her  
already  
weakened  
heart.

...to say  
nothing  
and just be  
supportive.

The best  
thing to  
do would  
be...



...I  
DECIDE  
TO  
ABORT...

...WILL  
YOU  
COME  
WITH  
ME?

IF...



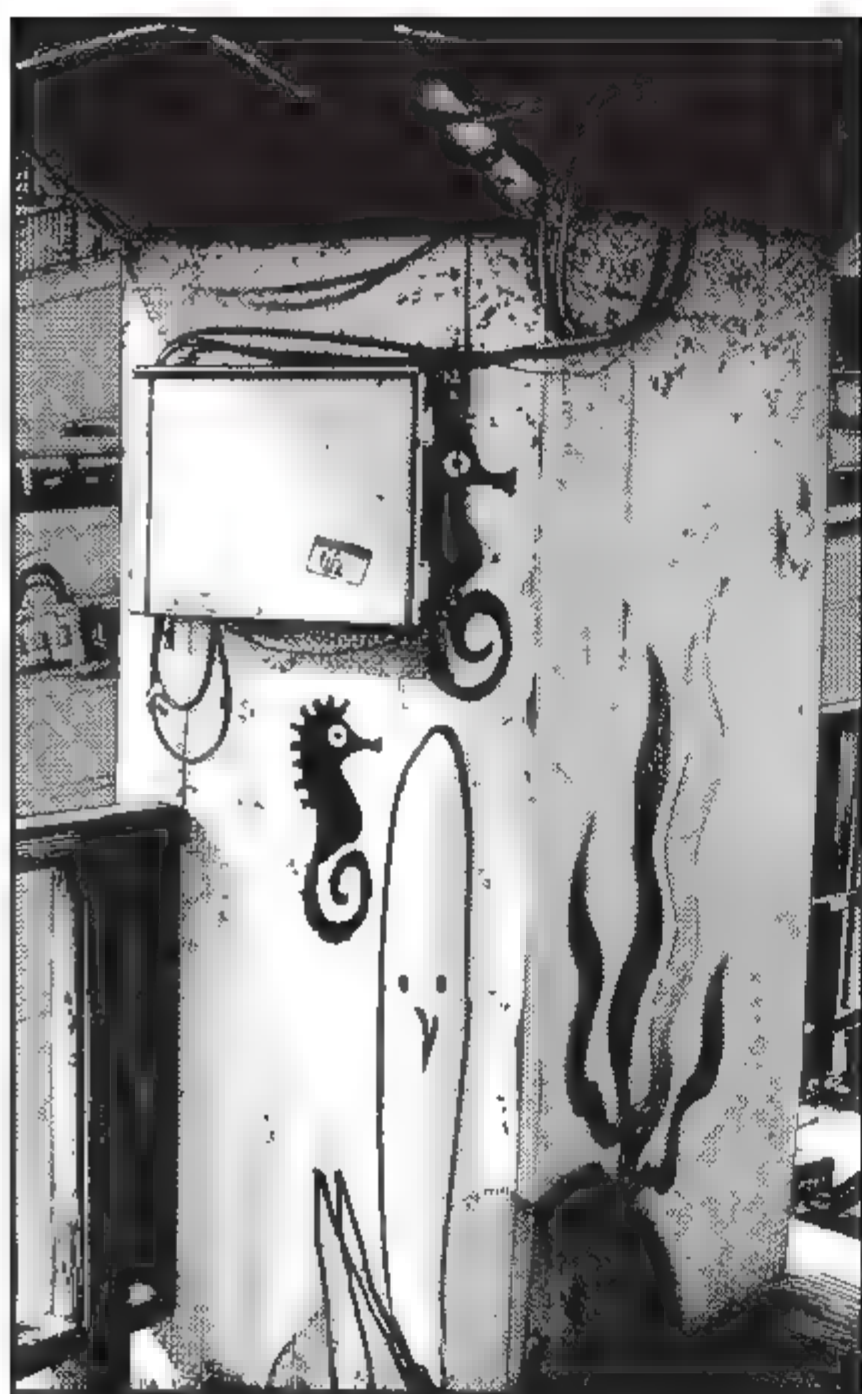


"Yes."

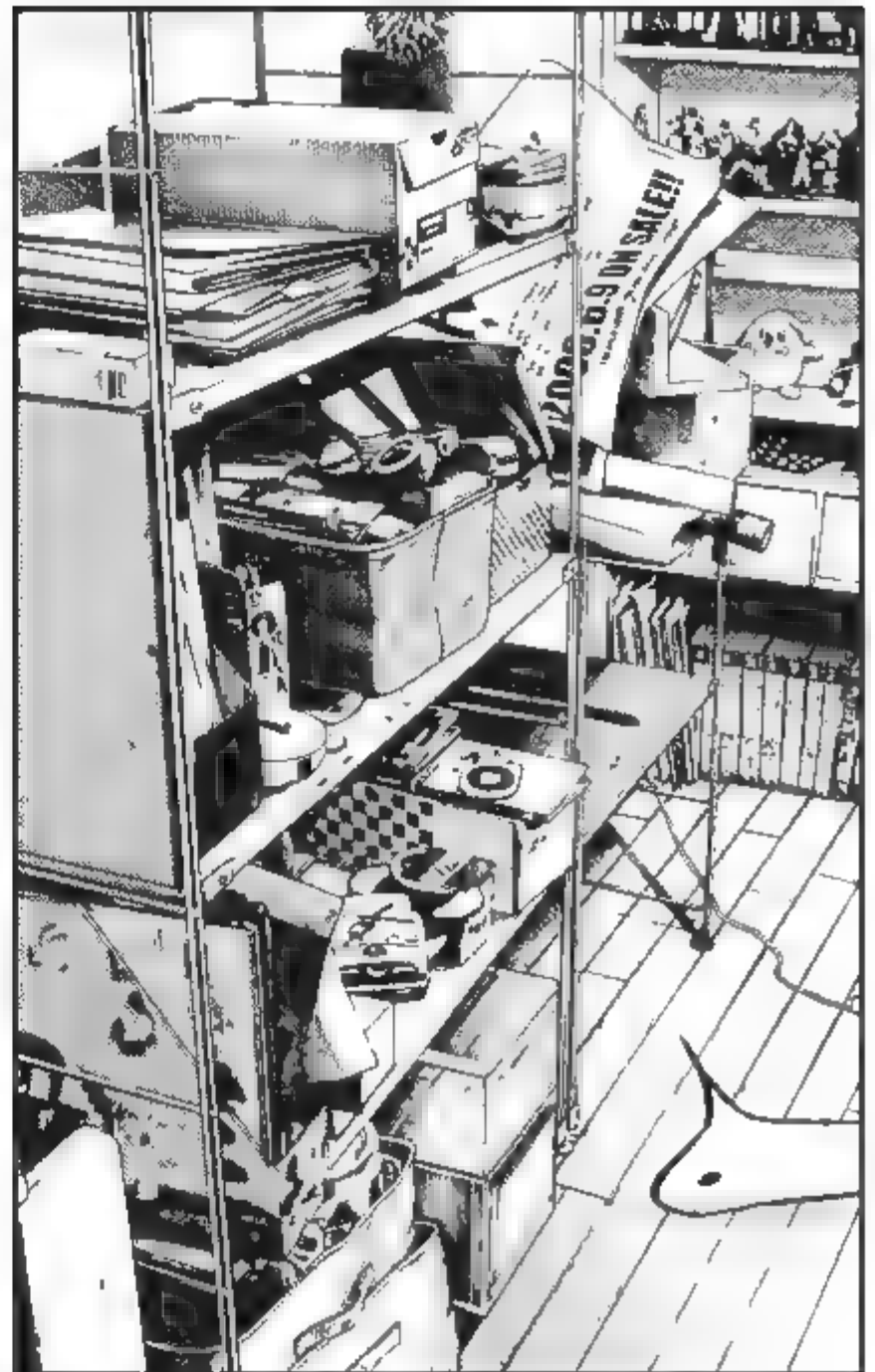
...Punpun  
answered...

In a  
small  
voice...



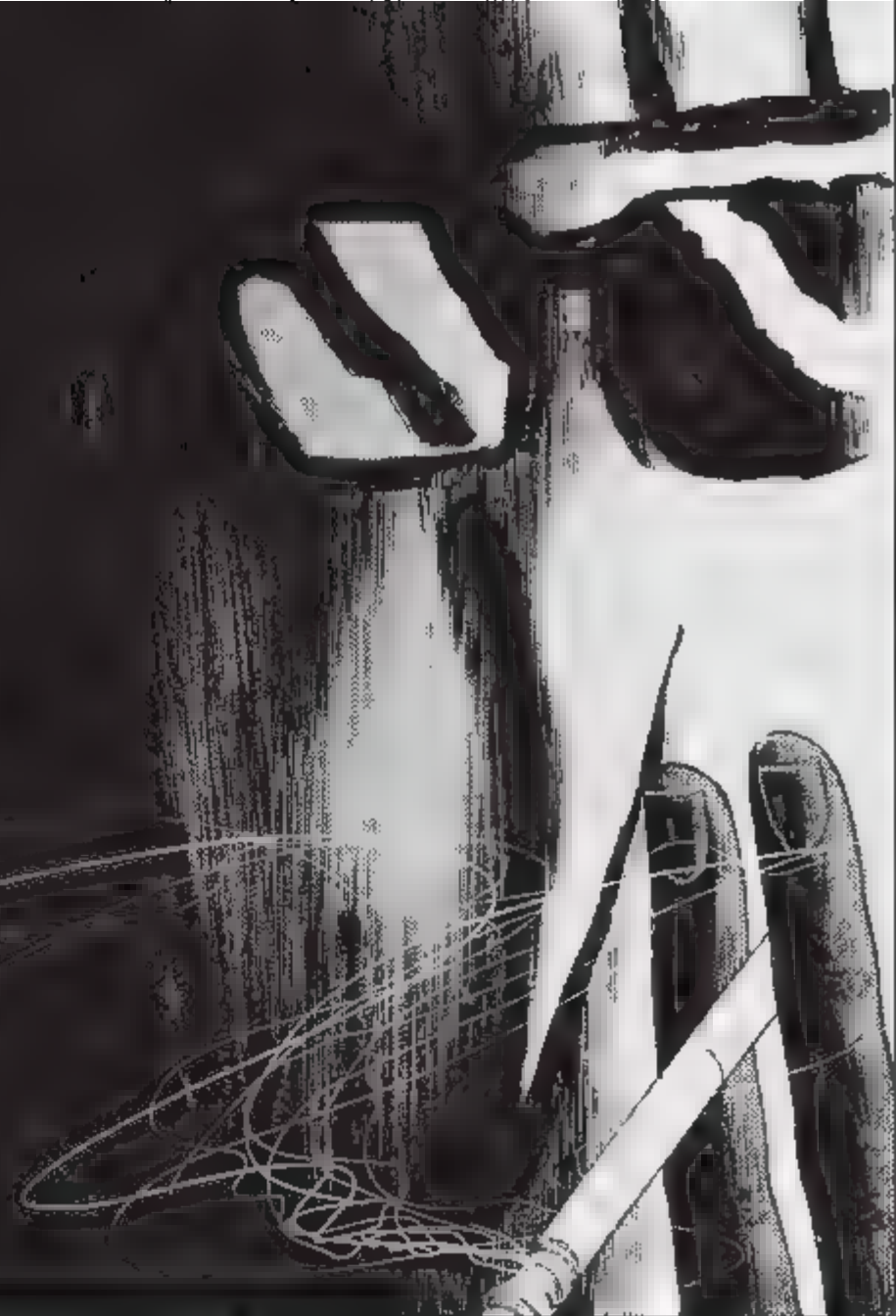








# "You reap what you sow."



The words Uncle Yuichi once said kept circling in Punpun's mind.

SORRY TO CALL SO EARLY...

WERE YOU ASLEEP?

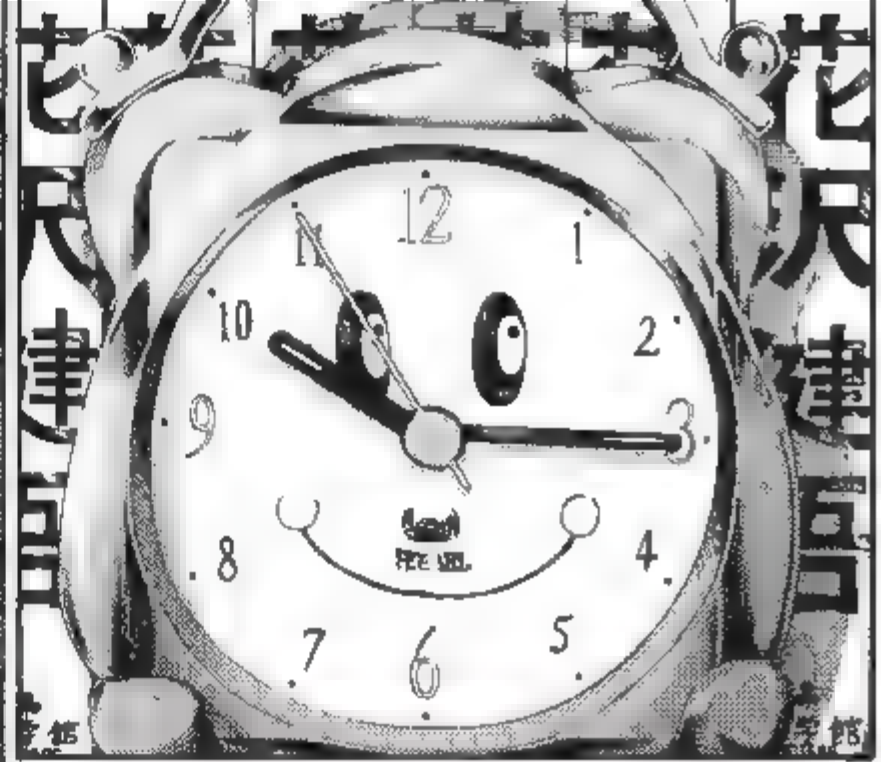
Punpun had been having trouble sleeping for the last few days.











...I'm  
going  
to live  
alone  
in a  
faraway  
town.

...and I  
get my  
license...

After  
Sachi  
has her  
surgery...



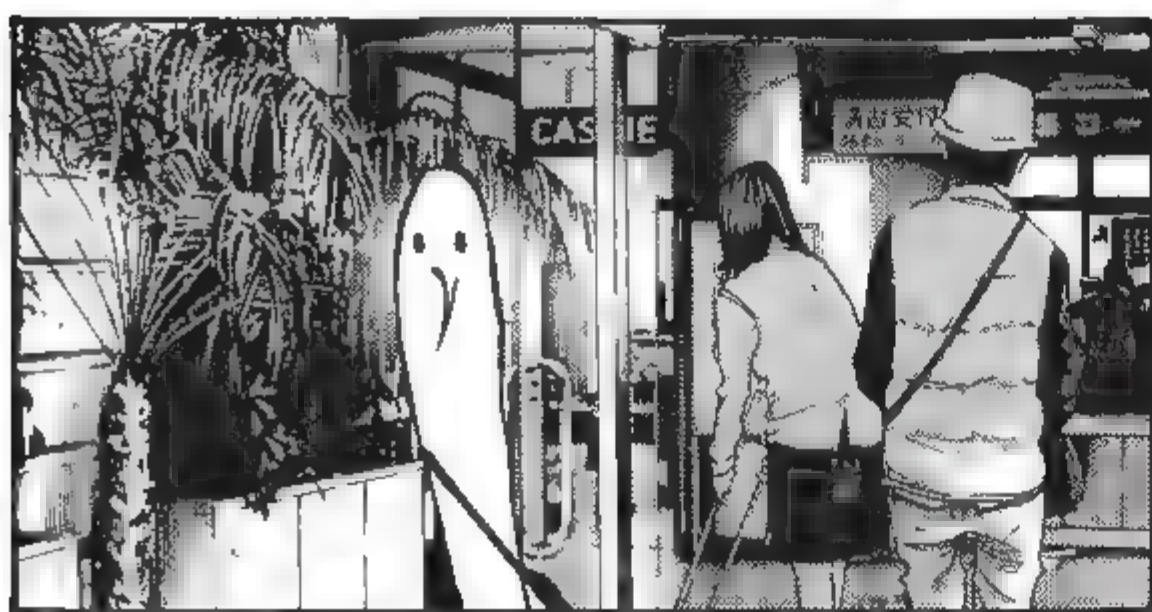
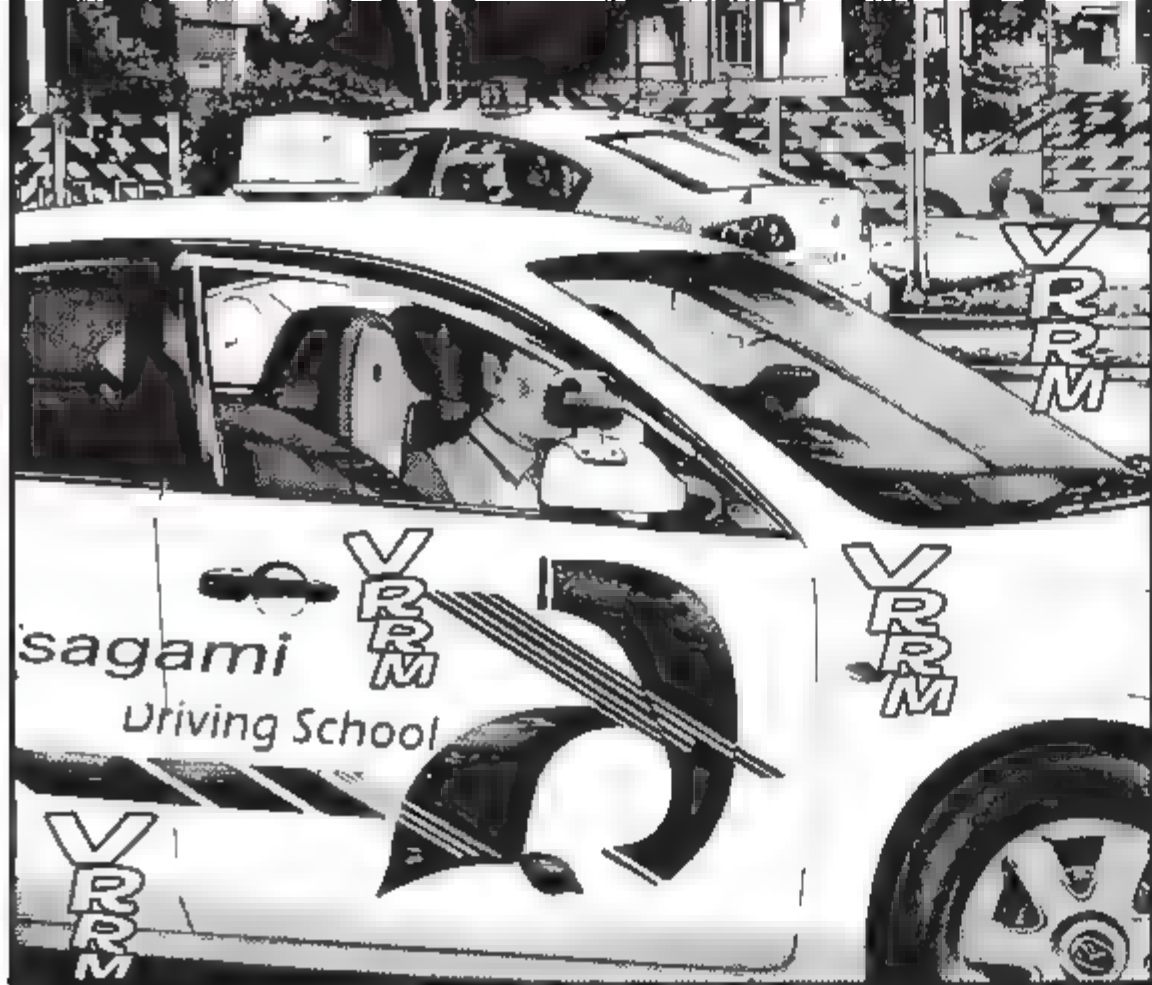
"That's  
what  
I'll do.

"Yes.

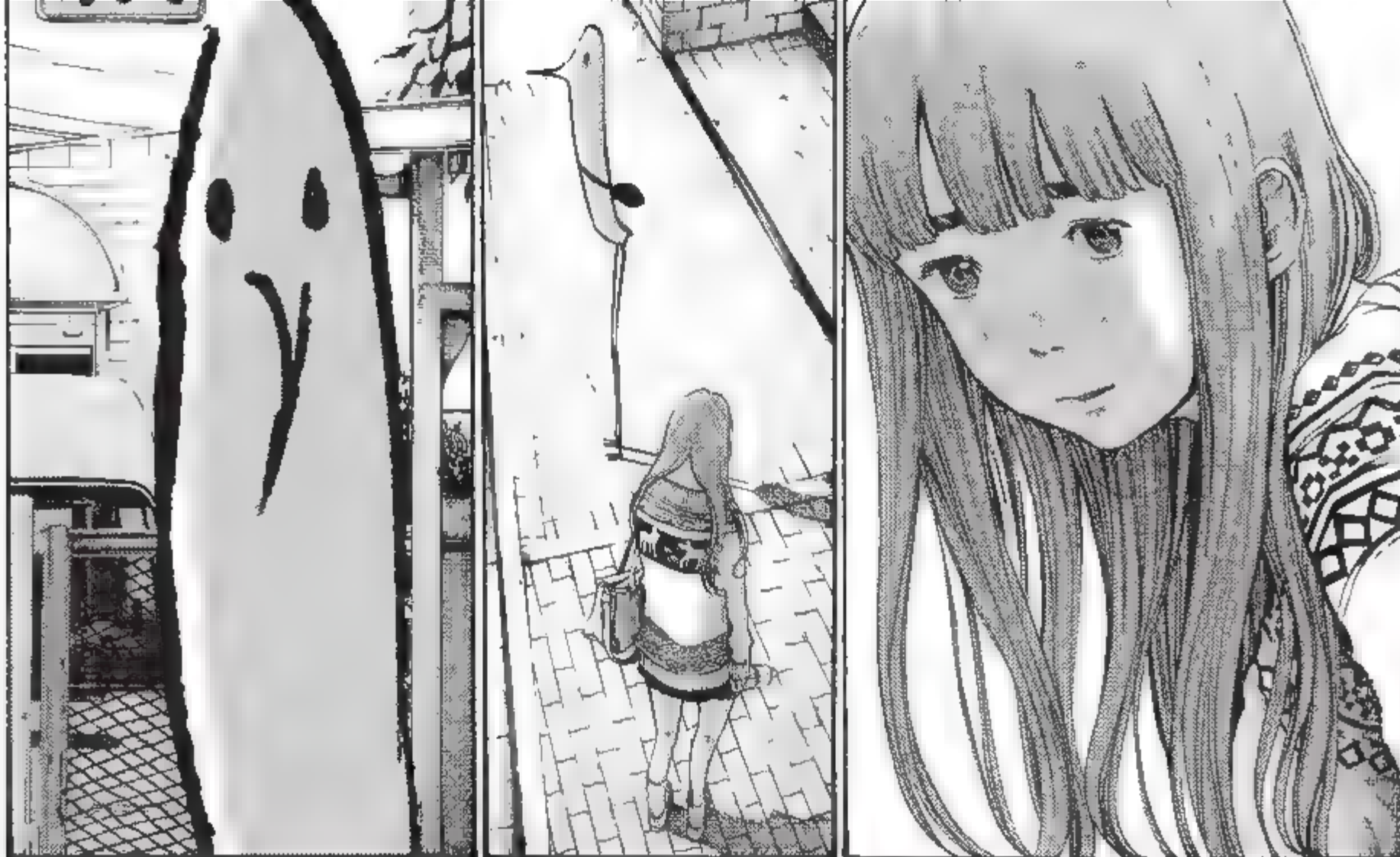


"That's  
what  
I'll do."









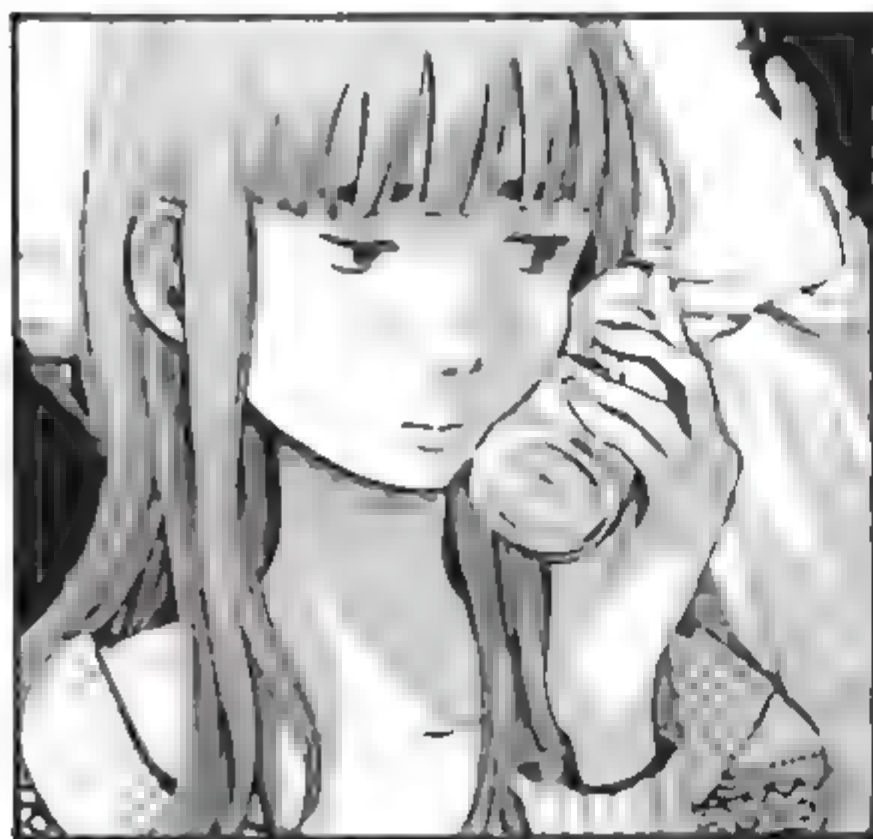
"Can  
we  
talk?"



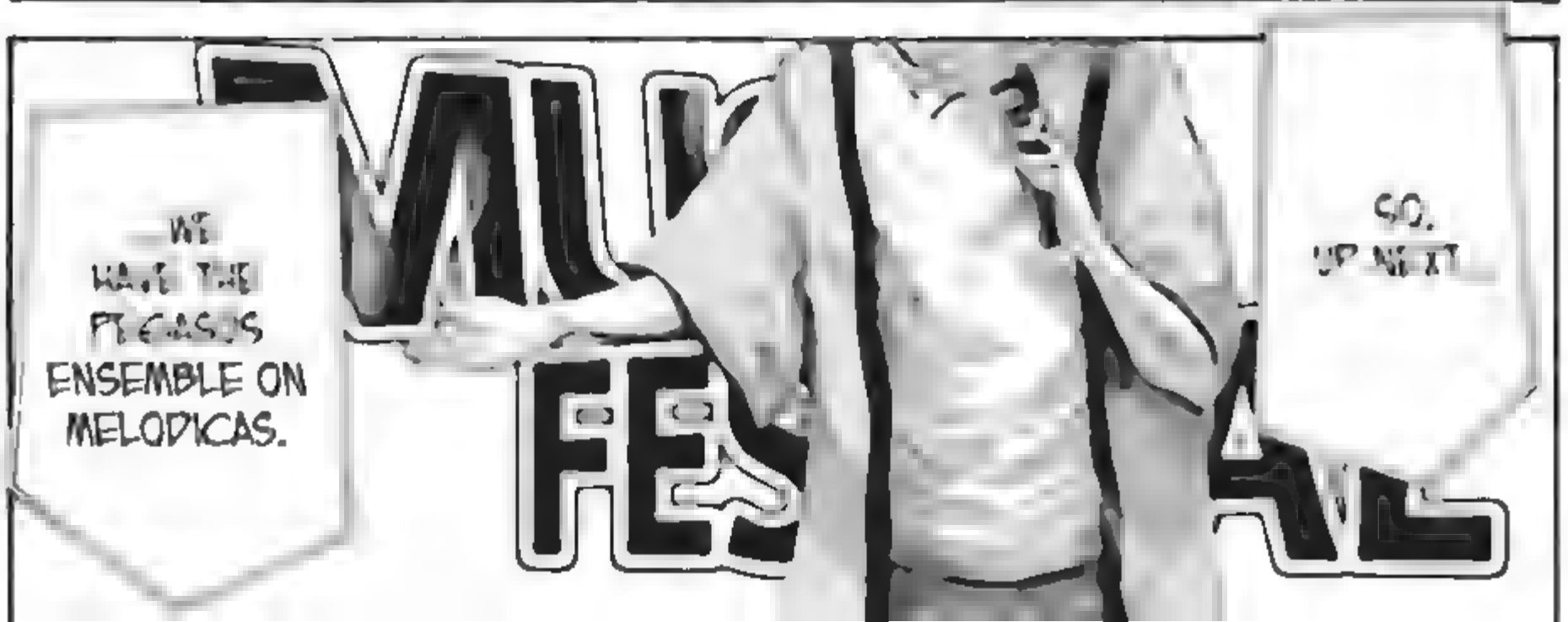
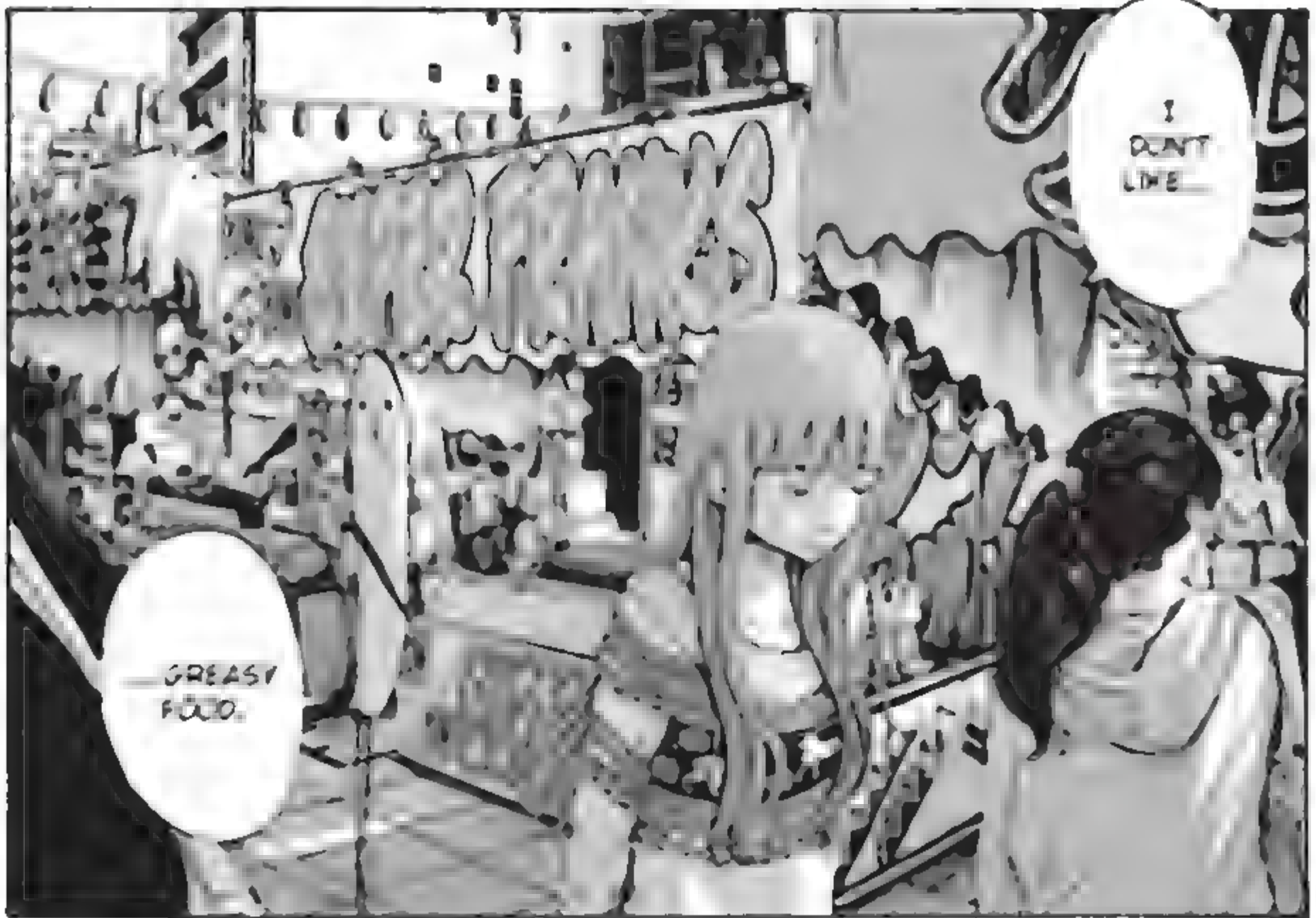
I'M COMING  
BACK THIS  
WEEKEND  
TO TAKE MY  
TEST.

I  
FINISHED  
THE  
COURSE  
TODAY.













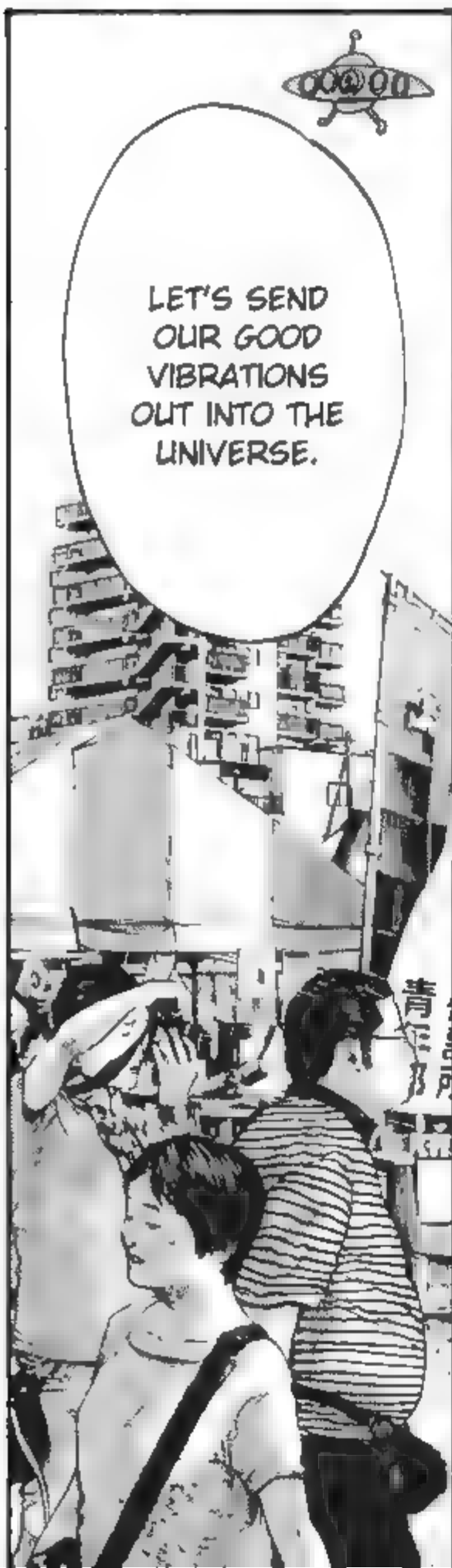




LIM,  
EXCUSE  
ME.



CAN YOU  
START  
PERFORMING  
NOW?



LET'S SEND  
OUR GOOD  
VIBRATIONS  
OUT INTO THE  
UNIVERSE.



YOU  
ARE THE  
AWESOME  
ONES  
BROUGHT  
TOGETHER  
FOR THIS  
UNIFYING  
MOMENT  
TODAY...

LET'S  
ALL GET  
SOAKED  
TOGETHER!

COME,  
YOU MAGIC  
WARRIORS  
OF THE 12  
TONES...

MUSIC  
FESTIVAL





OH...



THIS  
SONG...

IT'S...

... "I  
WOULD  
GIVE YOU  
ANYTHING."





PUNPUN,  
YOU DITCHED  
PRACTICE  
ONE DAY.



IT WAS  
THE PIECE  
WE DID  
FOR THE  
CHOIR COM-  
PETITION  
IN FIFTH  
GRADE.



GOD, IT'S  
ABSOLUTELY  
USELESS TO  
REMEMBER  
STUFF LIKE  
THIS.



I  
REMEMBER  
IT SO  
WELL.



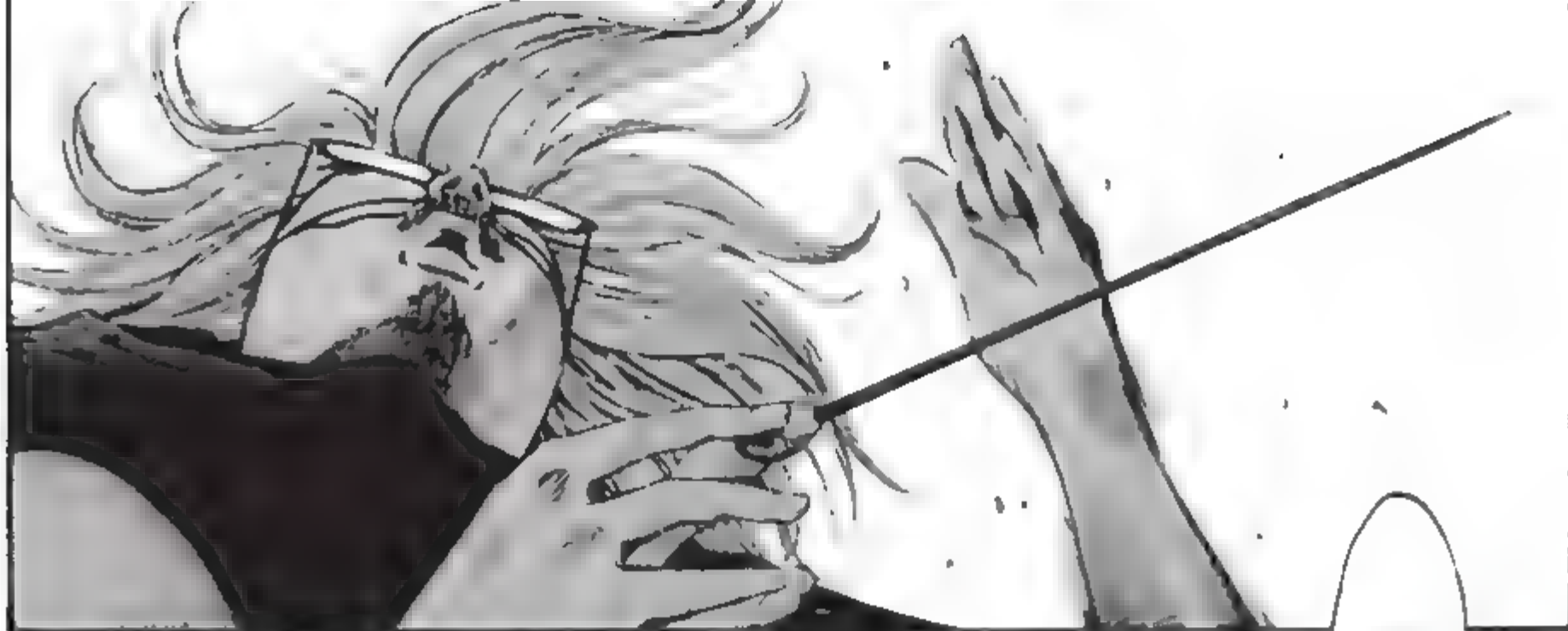
TEN  
YEARS...



...ALL  
THIS  
TIME.

I  
WONDER  
WHAT I'VE  
BEEN  
DOING...





SORRY

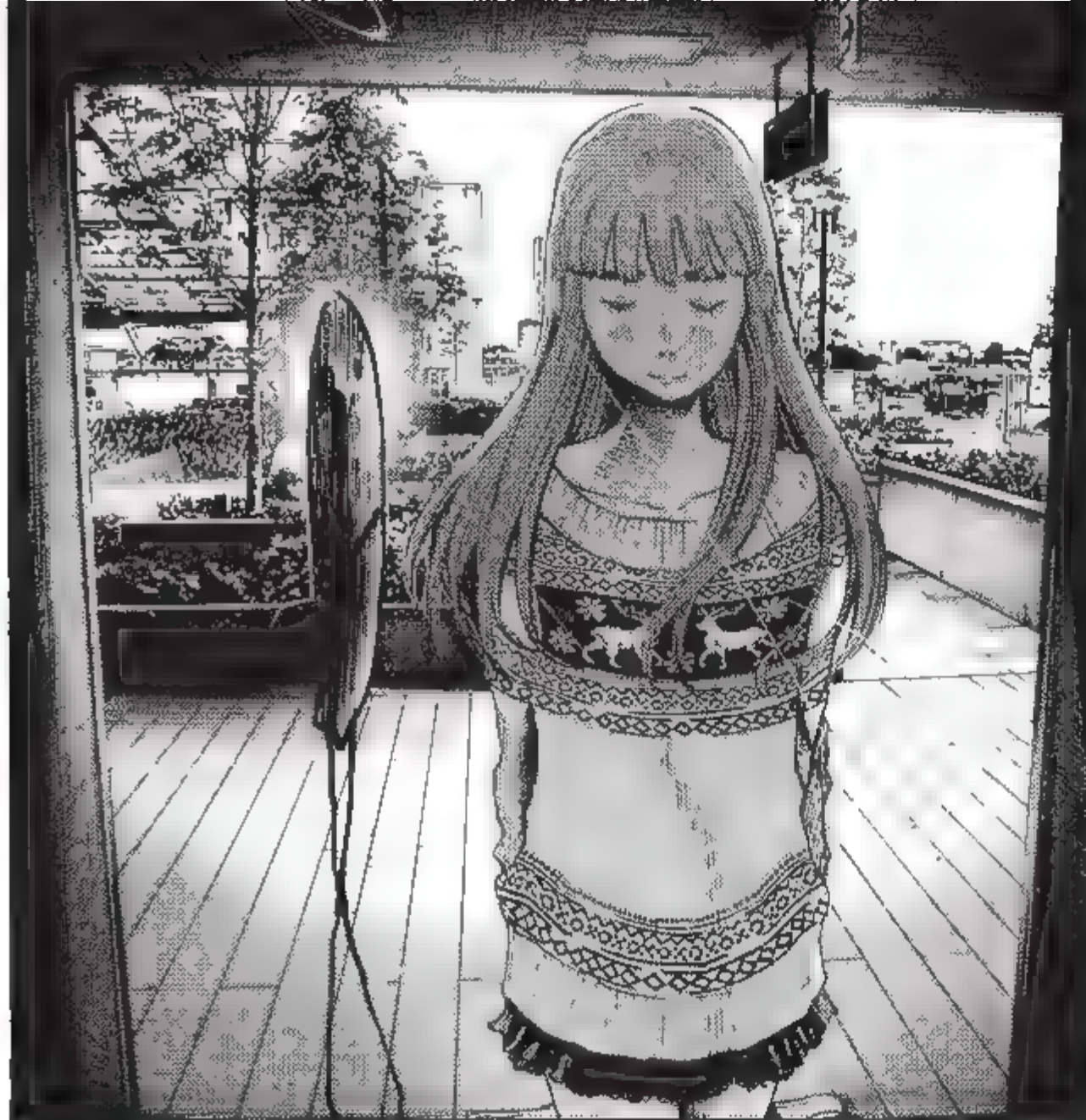
...

I'M...



...GOING  
TO GO  
HOME.





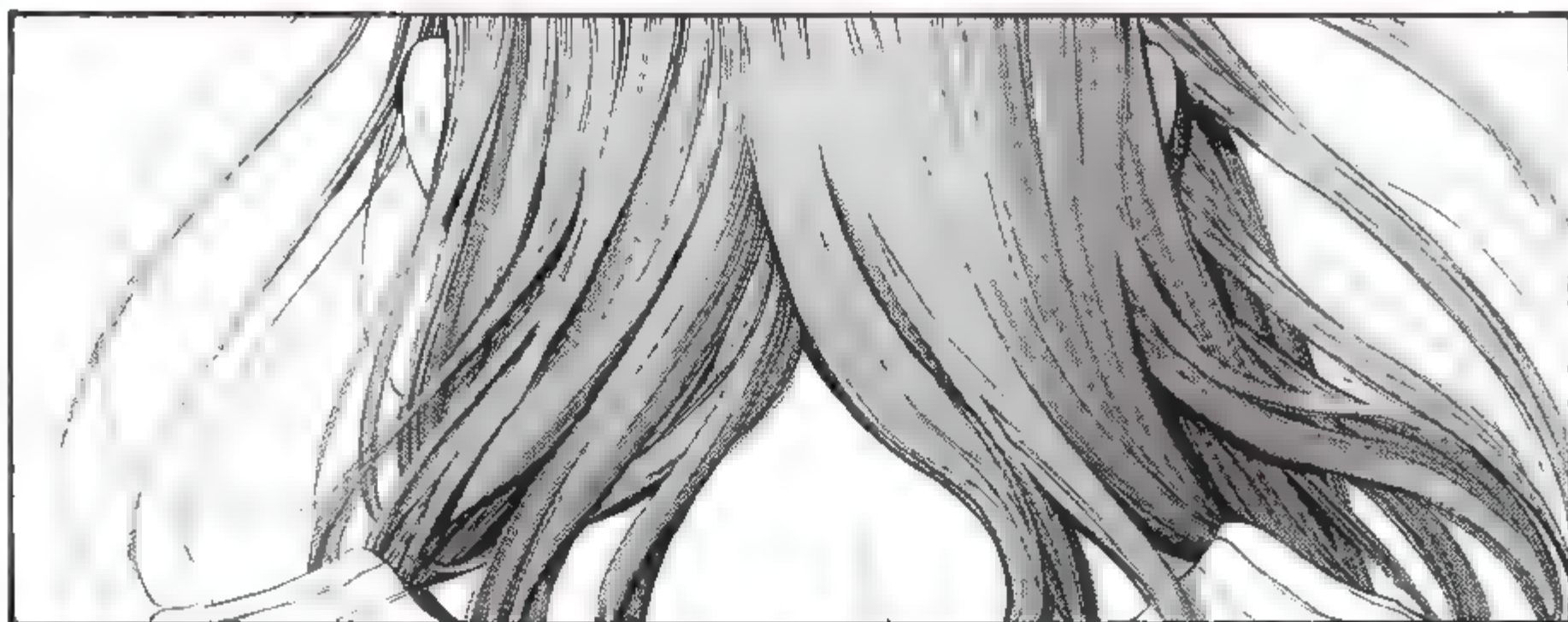




"No, that's  
insulting to  
seaweed.

"I'm just  
seaweed floating  
along half-assed  
every day, not  
happy or  
particularly  
sad...

"I'm not really a  
college student, I  
can't play futsal.  
I don't have a  
girlfriend...



"...which made  
me miserable  
as well as  
frustrated.

"But  
the Aiko I  
finally met was  
not the Aiko I  
remembered...

"For the  
last few  
years,  
obses-  
sively.

"...I've  
been  
looking  
for you  
for ten  
years,  
Aiko.

"So  
I...





"...and  
turned  
me into a  
pathetic,  
useless  
human  
being.

"It's  
robbed me  
of my self-  
confidence...

"...there's  
regret for  
not keeping  
my promise  
to go to  
Kagoshima  
with you..

"At the  
bottom of  
my heart...



"That  
may  
be it.

"...for  
nothing  
ever  
working  
out for  
me.

"...maybe  
I've just  
been  
blaming  
you...

"...actually..

"No...



"I  
mean...

"...without  
me  
worrying  
about it.

"You're  
capable  
of having  
a happy  
life...

"But I've  
finally  
woken  
up.



"I'm  
glad  
I saw  
you.









THAT  
YOU LIED  
TO ME.

SO  
I'M  
SAD

...YOU WERE  
THE KIND OF  
PERSON WHO  
WOULD NEVER  
LIE. PUNPEN

I  
THOUGHT

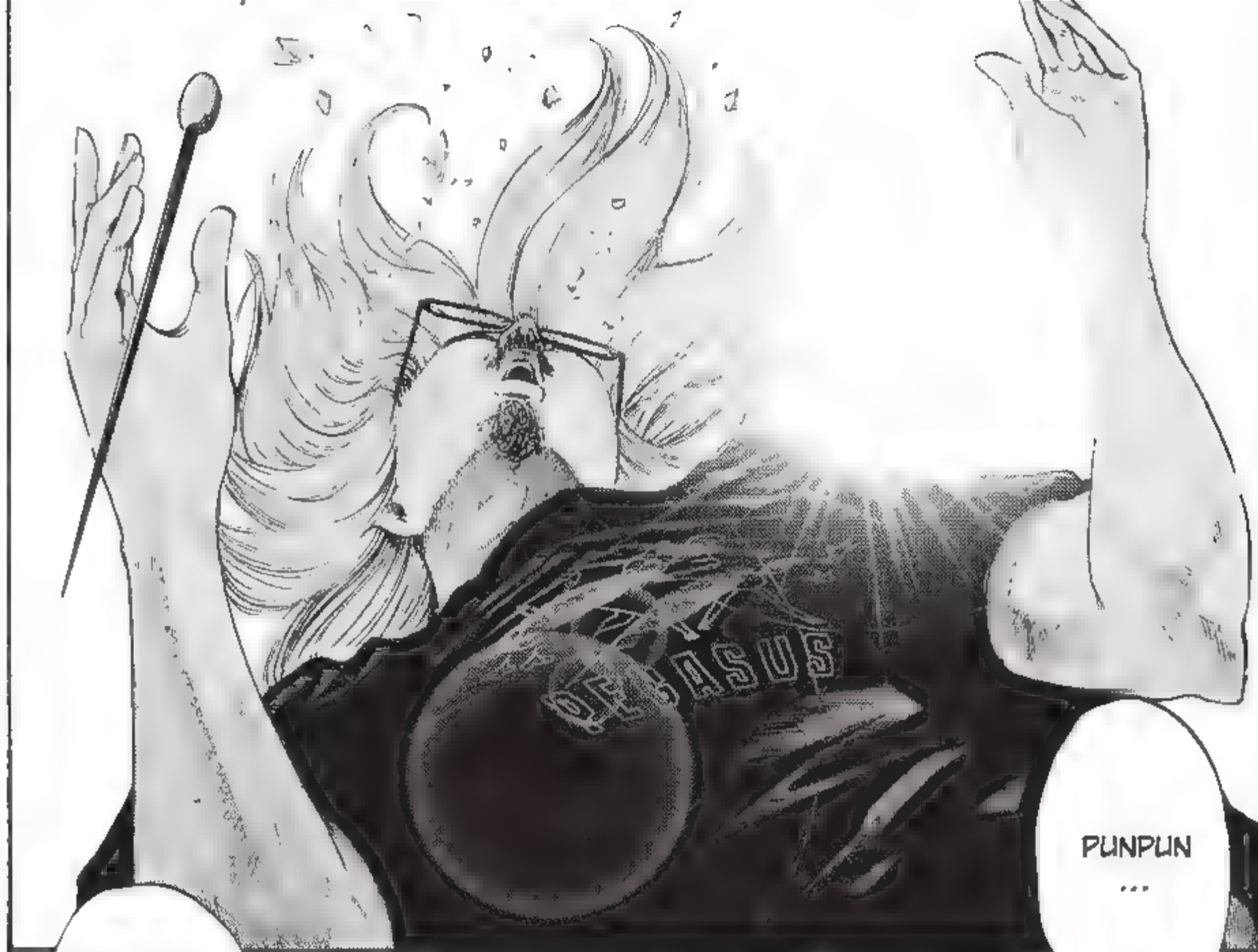


I  
PROMISED  
YOU,  
RIGHT?

IF YOU  
BETRAY  
ME  
AGAIN...

...I'LL  
KILL  
YOU.









But...

...I'll  
FORGIVE  
YOU,  
ESPECIALLY  
THIS TIME.

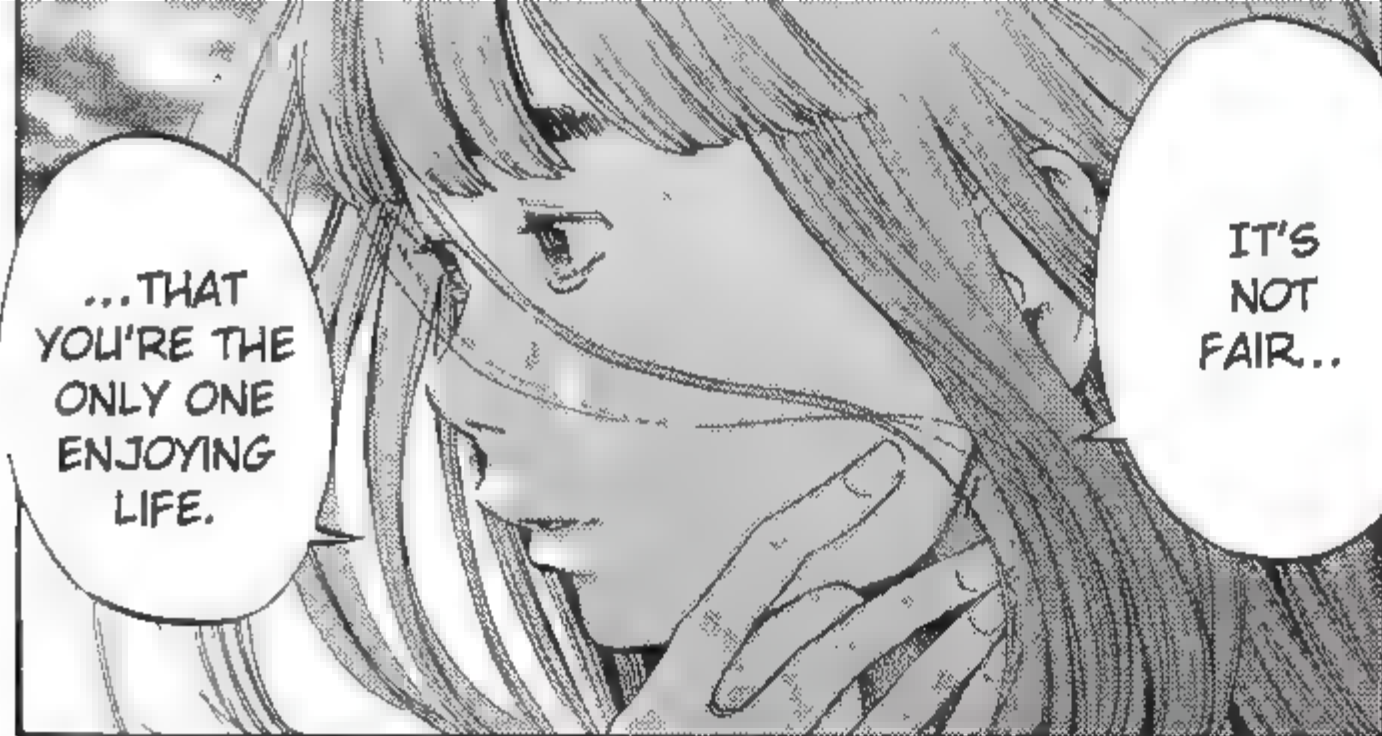


I  
LED  
A LOT  
'COOL.

SURELY

I DIDN'T  
MEAN ANY  
HARM.

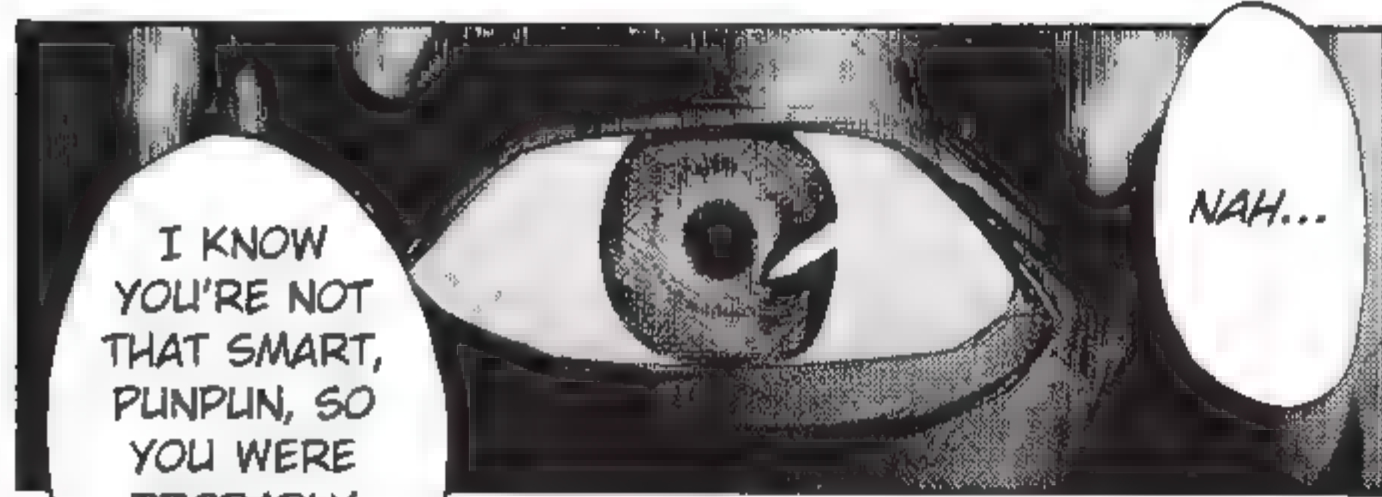




...THAT  
YOU'RE THE  
ONLY ONE  
ENJOYING  
LIFE.

IT'S  
NOT  
FAIR...

Oh...



I KNOW  
YOU'RE NOT  
THAT SMART,  
PUNPUN, SO  
YOU WERE  
PROBABLY  
TELLING  
PETTY LIES.

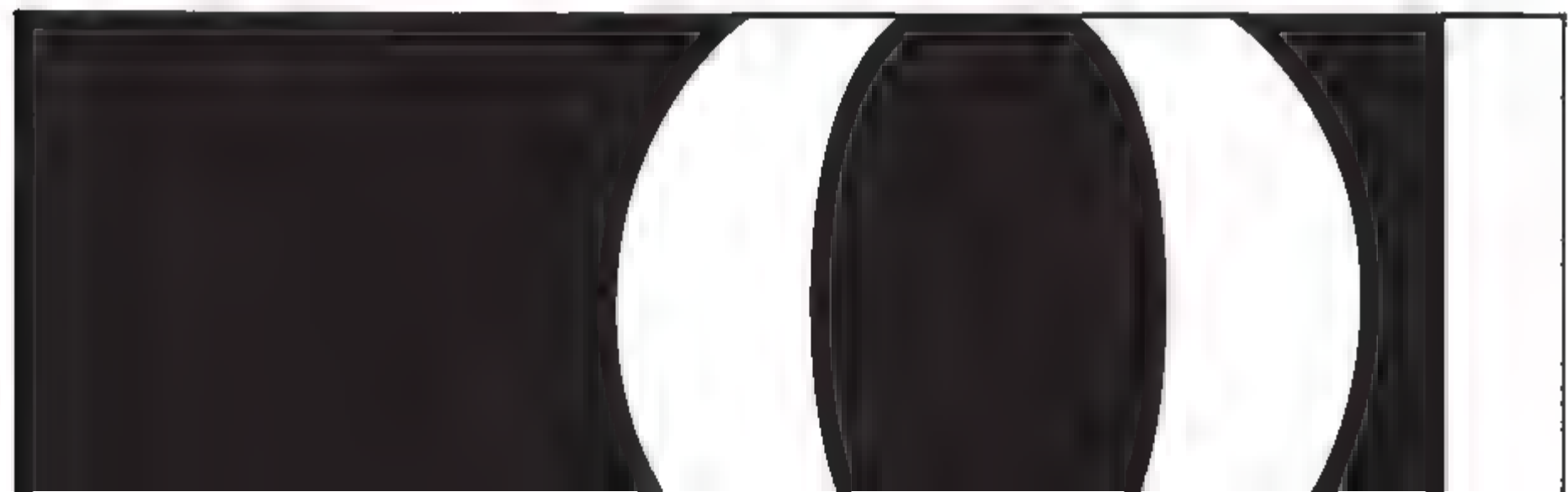
NAH...

Oh.



...  
PUNPUN.

HEY...



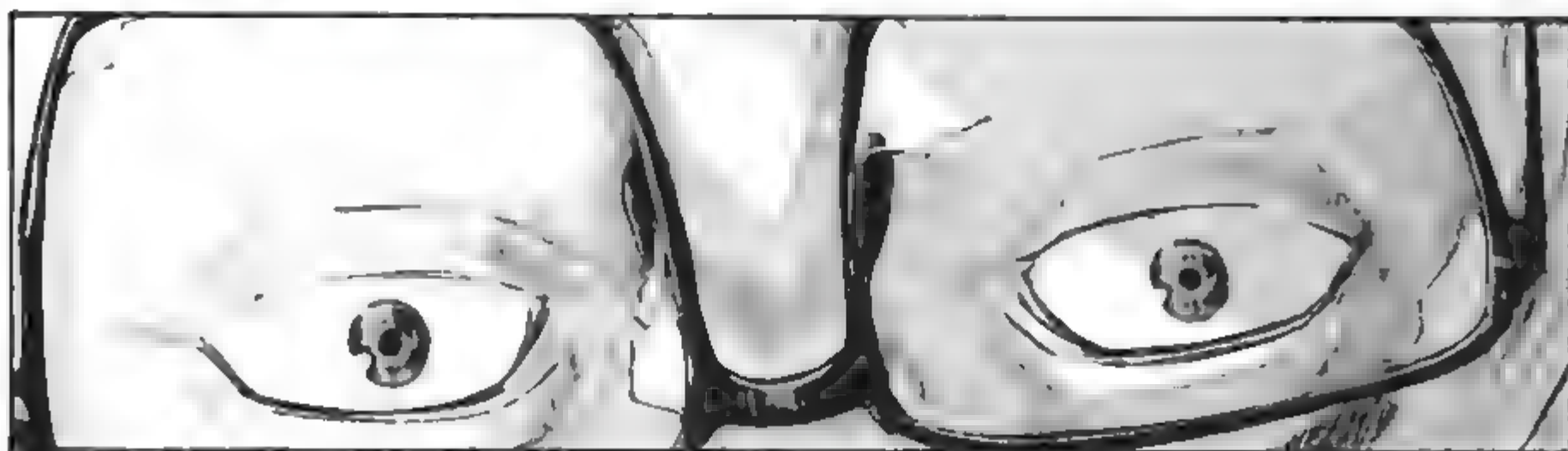


THANK  
YOU...

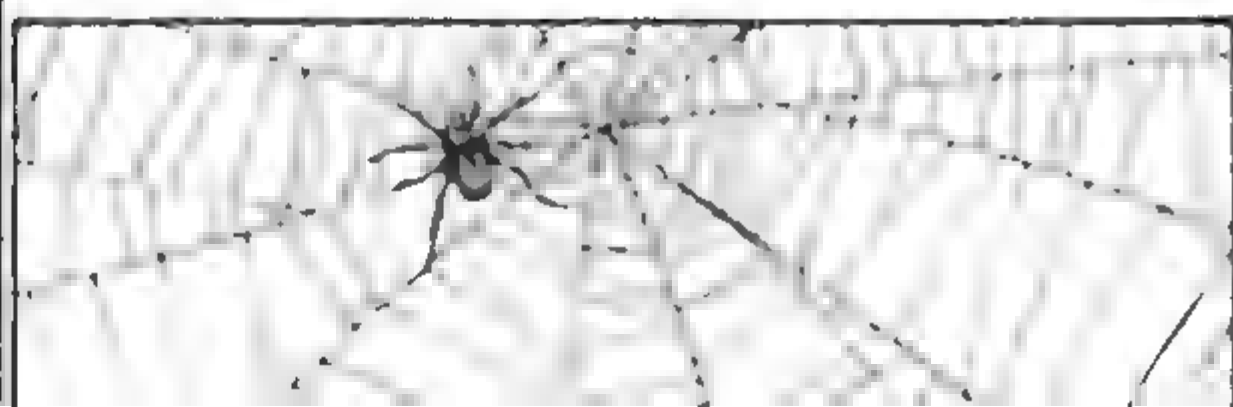
...FOR  
WAITING  
FOR ME  
ALL THIS  
TIME.

REAL ESTATE AGENT









HUH?





...SACHI.

THAT'S  
LOW...



AND  
PUNPUN,  
OF ALL  
PEOPLE.

IT'S  
YOUR OWN  
BUSINESS  
IF YOU  
HAVE AN  
ABORTION

...BUT  
TO SUCK  
SOMEONE  
ELSE INTO  
YOUR  
MESS...?



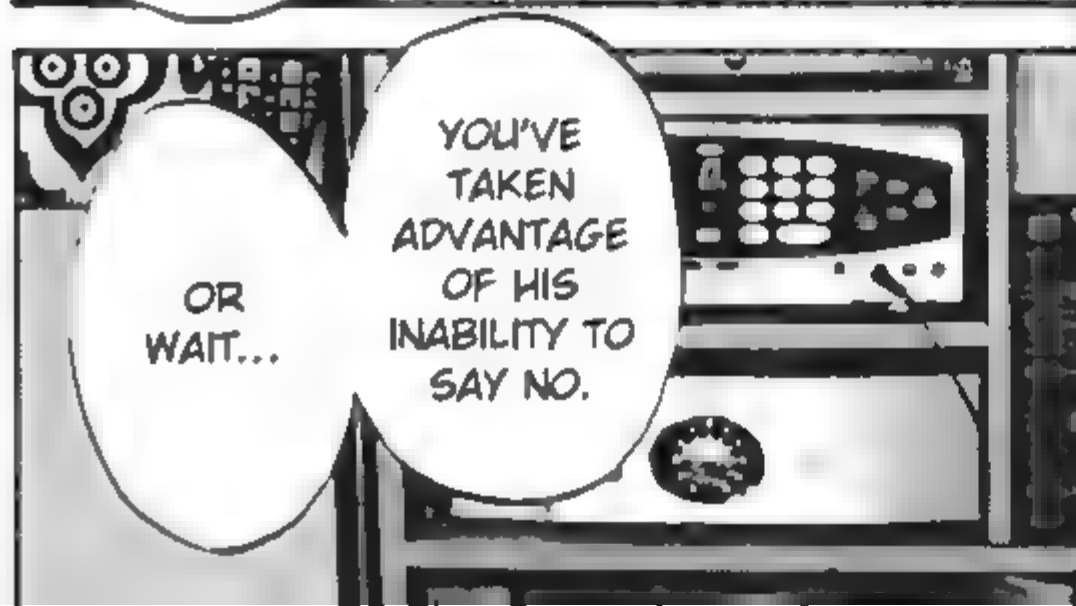
...BUT FOR  
THAT REASON  
ESPECIALLY,  
DON'T YOU  
THINK YOU  
SHOULD BE  
MORE CONSID-  
ERATE?

I  
UNDERSTAND  
THE VERY  
COMPLICATED  
RELATIONSHIP  
YOU HAVE WITH  
PUNPUN...



THERE'S  
MY SIDE  
OF THE  
STORY  
TOO...

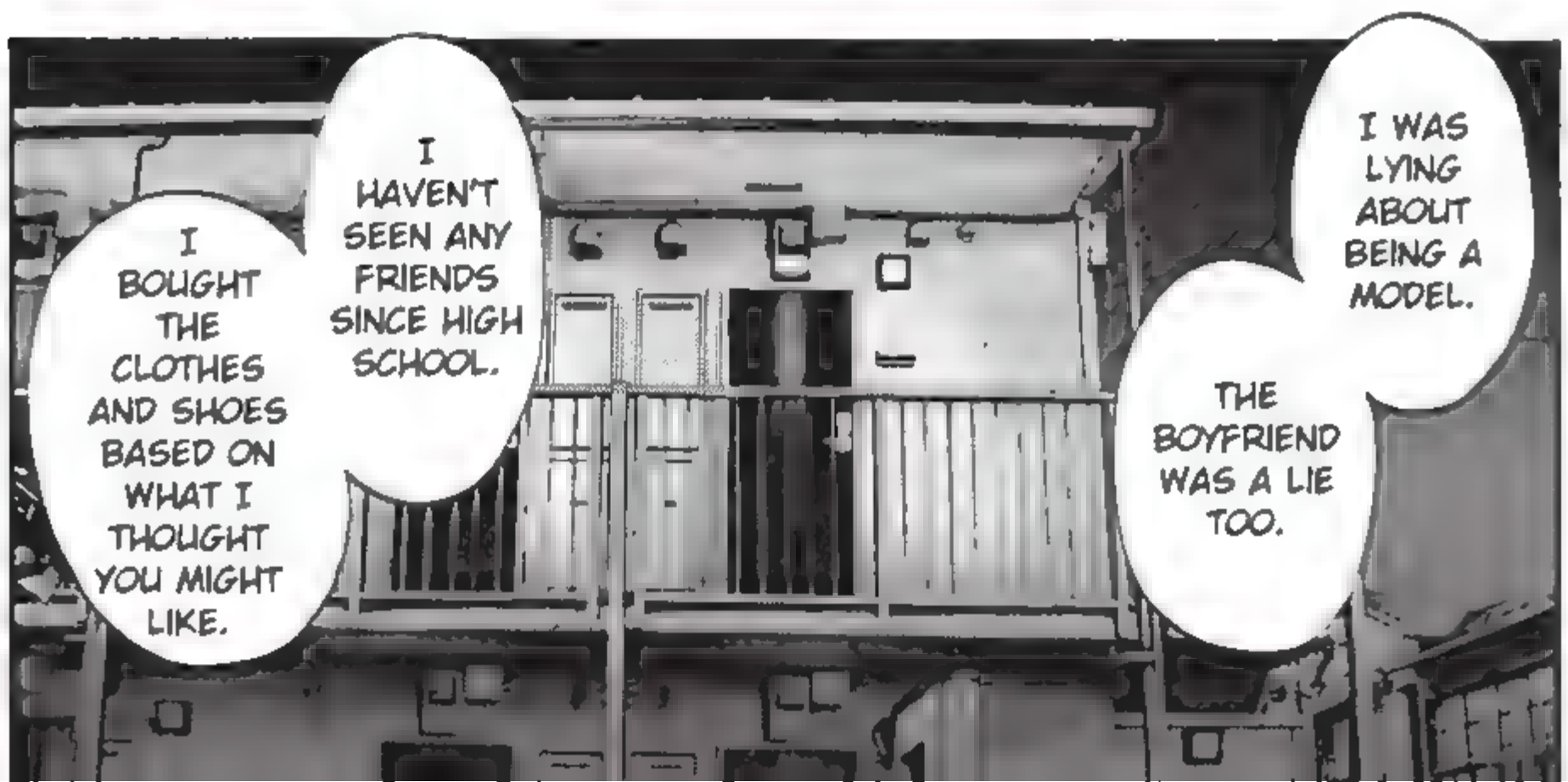
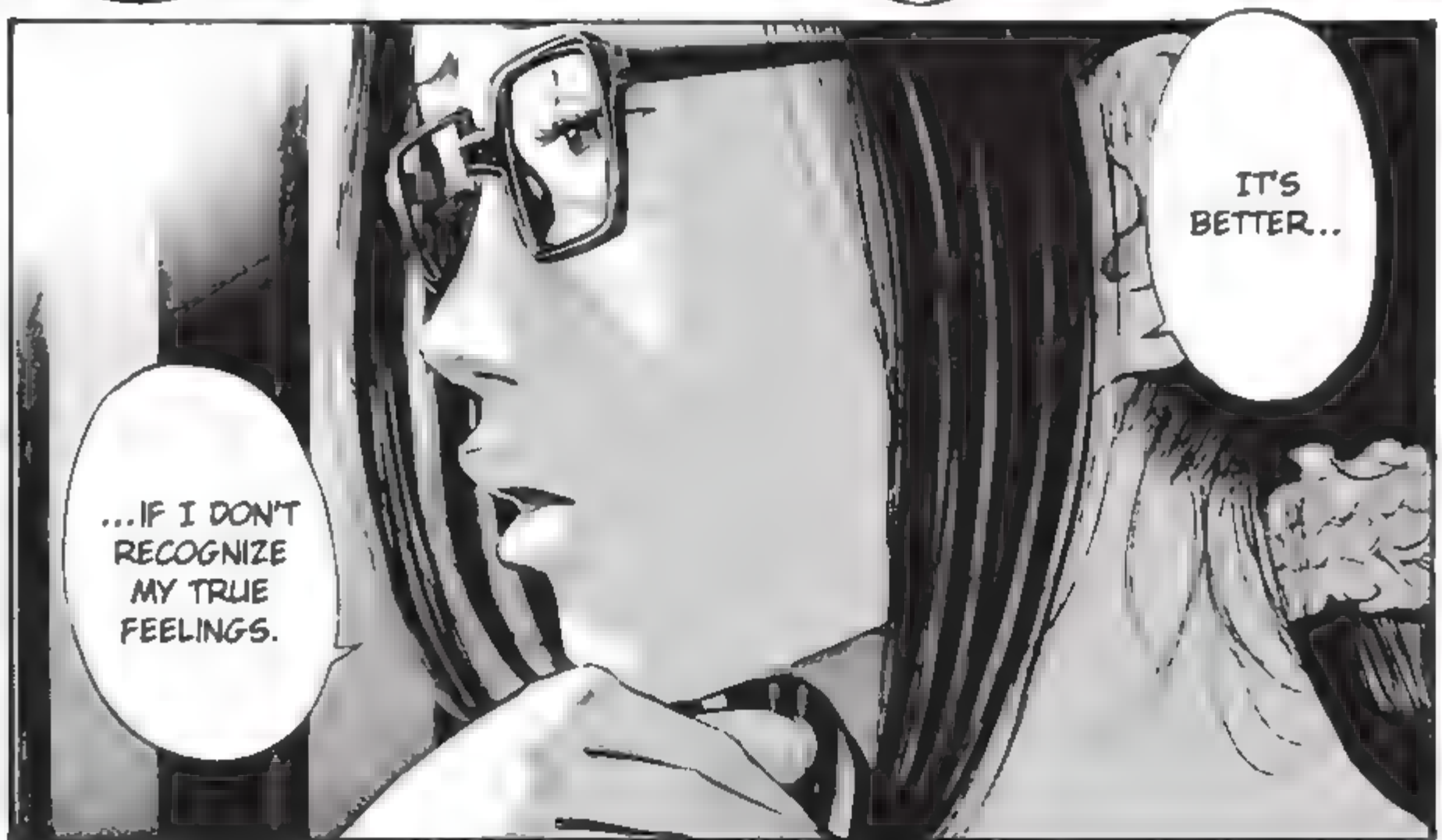
NOPE,  
YOU'RE  
WRONG.



OR  
WAIT...

YOU'VE  
TAKEN  
ADVANTAGE  
OF HIS  
INABILITY TO  
SAY NO.









...THE  
PART ABOUT  
BEING AT A  
LITTLE TALENT  
AGENCY WAS  
TRUE.

...THE  
PART ABOUT  
BEING AT A  
LITTLE TALENT  
AGENCY WAS  
TRUE.

BUT...

...THE  
PART ABOUT  
BEING AT A  
LITTLE TALENT  
AGENCY WAS  
TRUE.

THEY  
DISCOVERED  
ME ON THE  
STREET, AND  
I WAS A  
YOUNG STAR.







AND I QUIT BECAUSE I COULDN'T FAKE ENJOYMENT

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASIER TO MAKE MONEY...

AND I WAS GETTING YELLED AT FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO SMILE ON CUE

BUT MY MOM WAS REALLY OPPOSED TO IT.

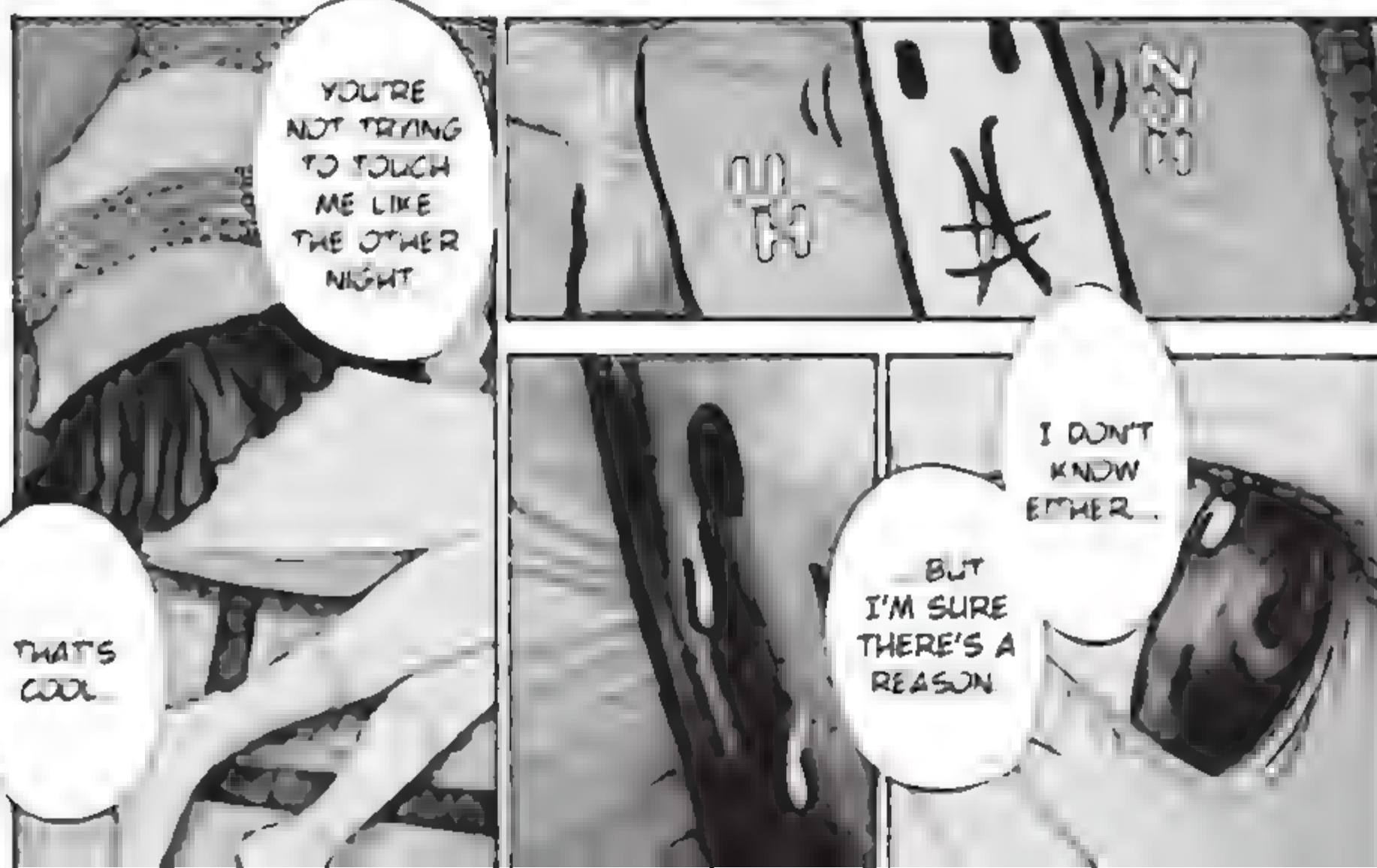


DO YOU KNOW WHY?

UNTIL THEN, I COULDN'T REALLY SMILE...

SINCE WE MET UP, I CAN SMILE FOR REAL AGAIN.

BUT



YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO TOUCH ME LIKE THE OTHER NIGHT

THAT'S COOL

BUT I'M SURE THERE'S A REASON

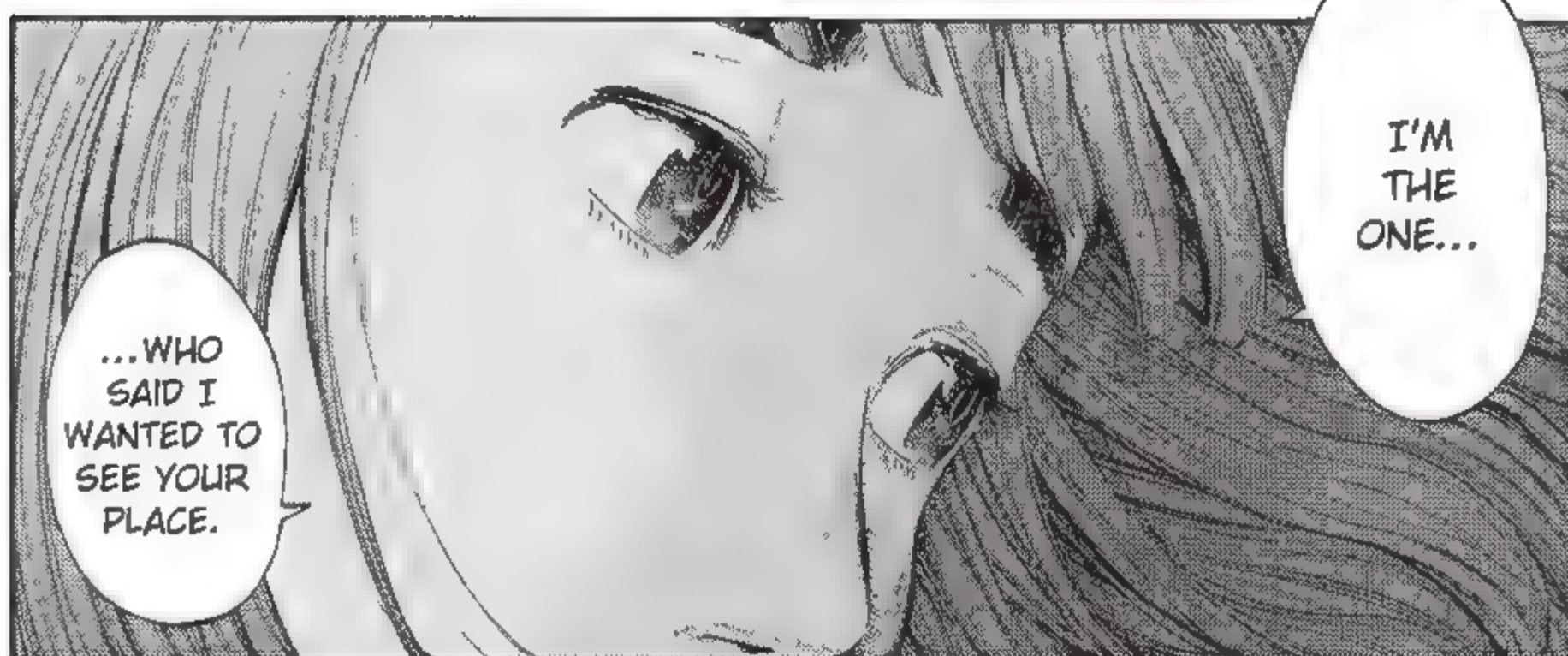
I DON'T KNOW EITHER...





"...I know it  
was super  
smooth to get  
you up to my  
room..."

"Um..."



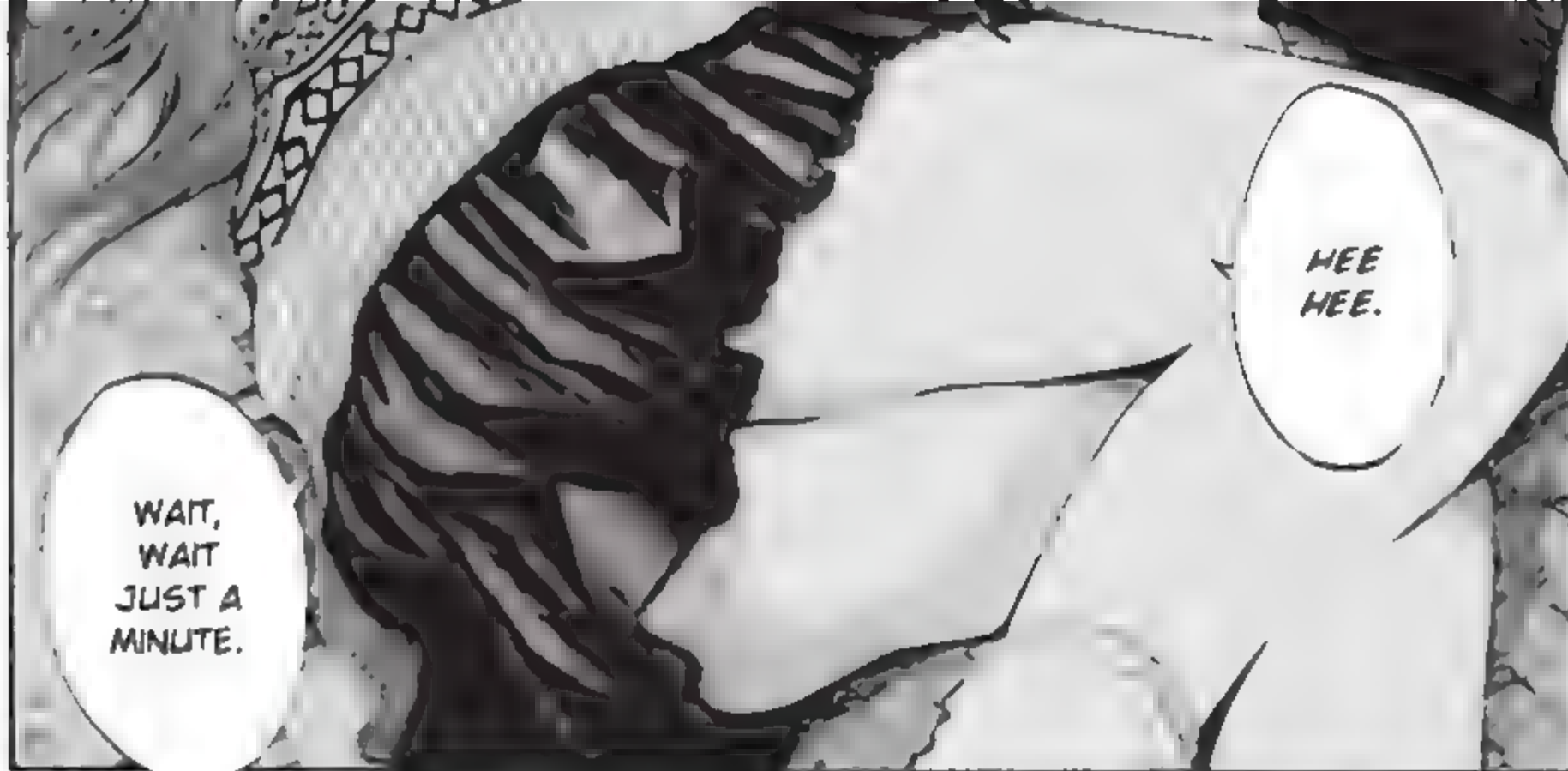
...WHO  
SAID I  
WANTED TO  
SEE YOUR  
PLACE.

I'M  
THE  
ONE...

"...I'm not  
interested  
in going  
out with  
anyone."

"...but  
right  
now..."





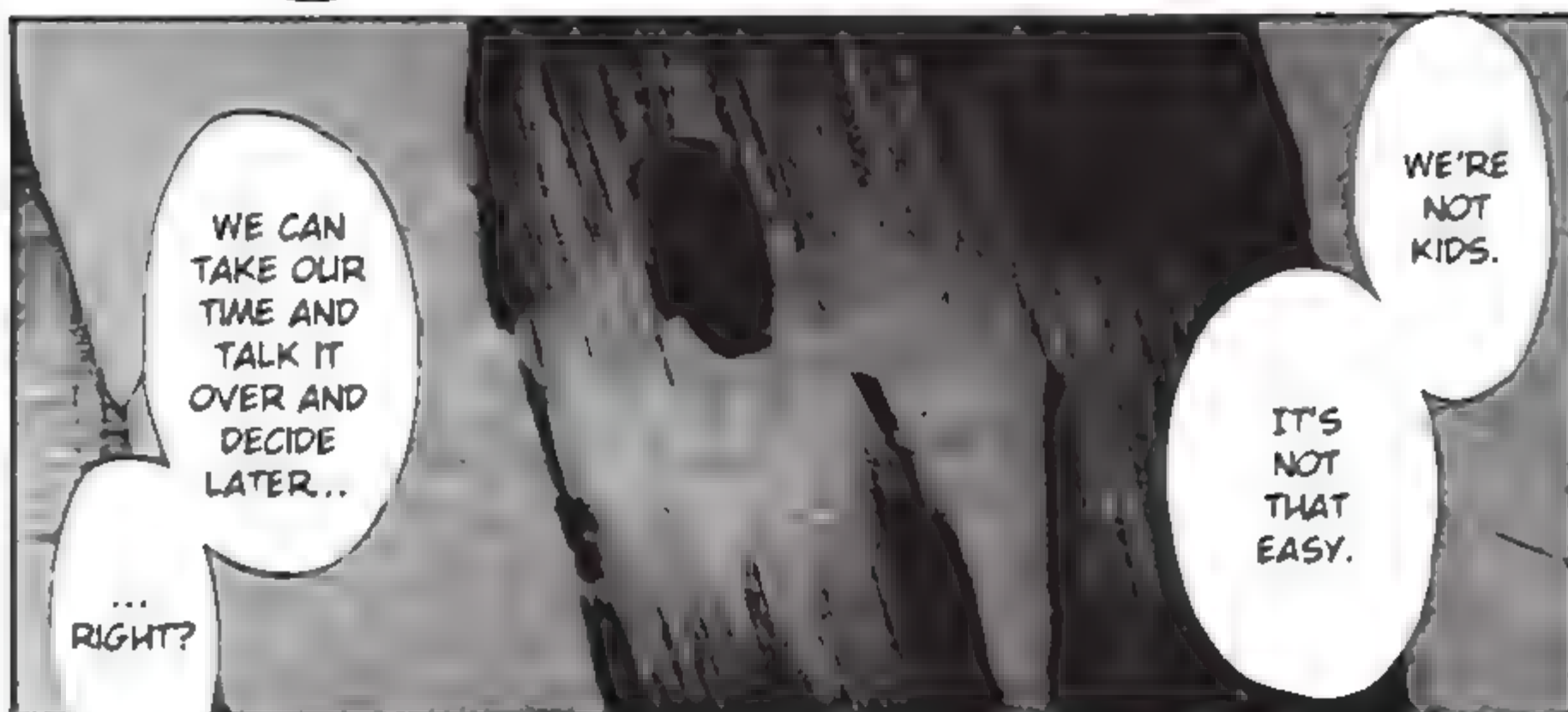
WAIT,  
WAIT  
JUST A  
MINUTE.

HEE  
HEE.



...SAY  
ONE WORD  
ABOUT  
GOING  
OUT.

I  
DIDN'T...



WE CAN  
TAKE OUR  
TIME AND  
TALK IT  
OVER AND  
DECIDE  
LATER...

...  
RIGHT?

WE'RE  
NOT  
KIDS.

IT'S  
NOT  
THAT  
EASY.

He  
wanted  
to say  
something,  
but...

Punpun  
wanted  
to say...





MY  
MOM'S  
GOING  
TO BE  
ANGRY...

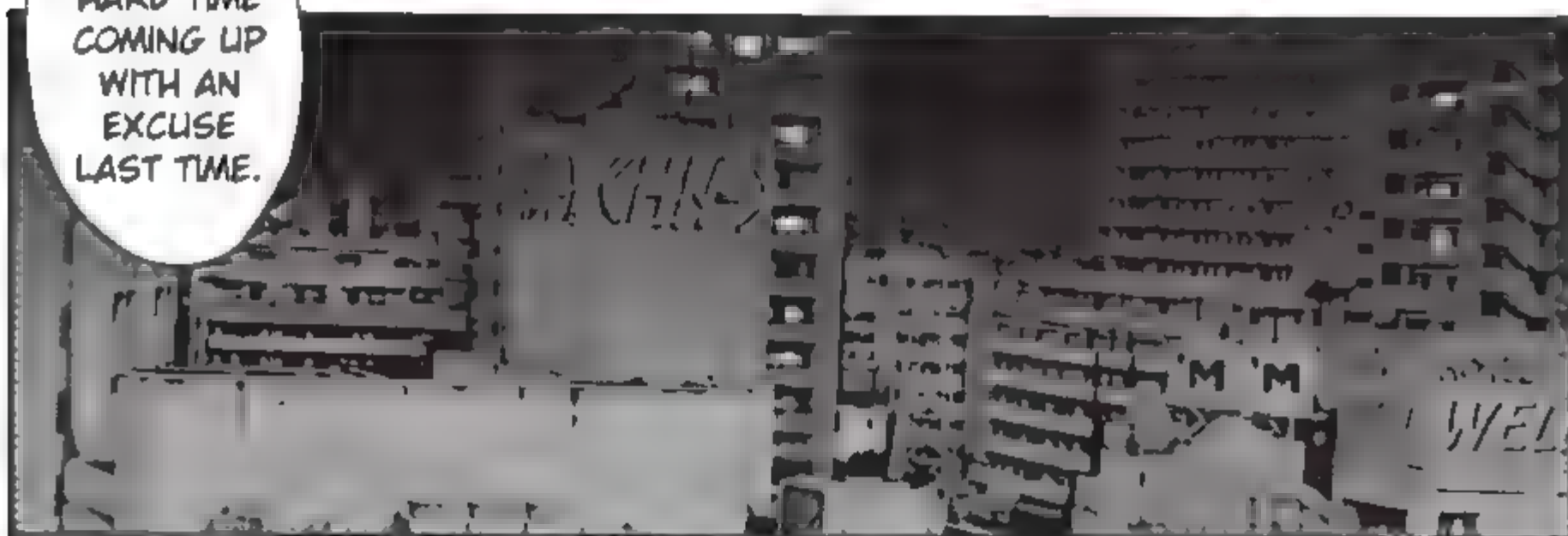
I HAD A  
REALLY  
HARD TIME  
COMING UP  
WITH AN  
EXCUSE  
LAST TIME.

But he  
couldn't  
find the  
right  
words.



I  
NEED...

...TO GET  
GOING.



"Should I  
come with  
you and  
apologize  
to her?"





NO...

I'M  
FINE BY  
MYSELF  
TONIGHT.



PUNPUN...

...YOU'RE  
SO  
SWEET.



A  
B...

YOU  
HAVEN'T  
CHANGED









...  
PUNPUN.

...  
REALLY  
POUNDING.

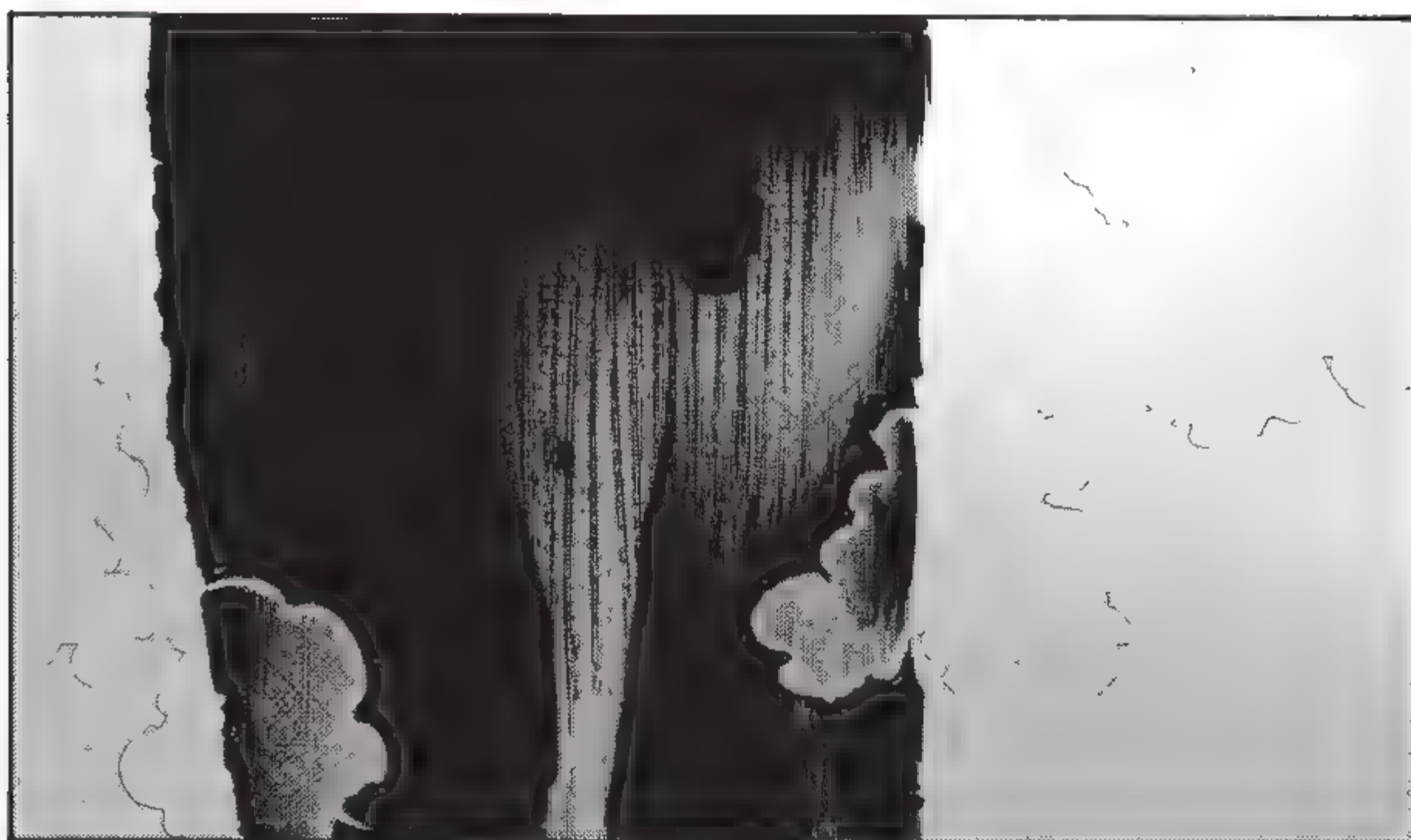
Punpun  
had a  
thought.

...  
PUNPUN.



...likely  
wouldn't  
be  
broken  
easily.

The  
spell  
that  
Aiko  
had  
put on  
him...



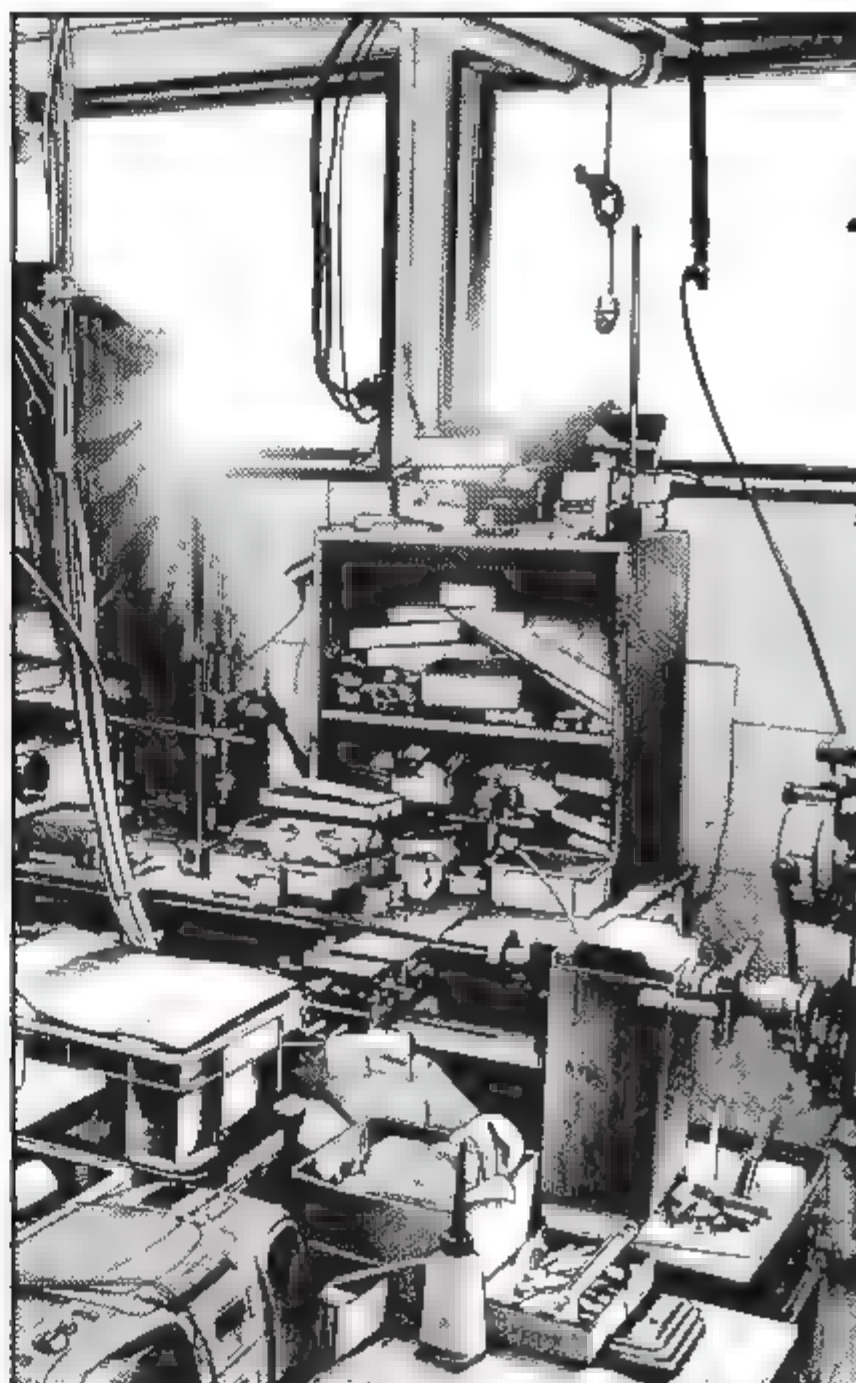
...is so  
selfish.

Everyone...

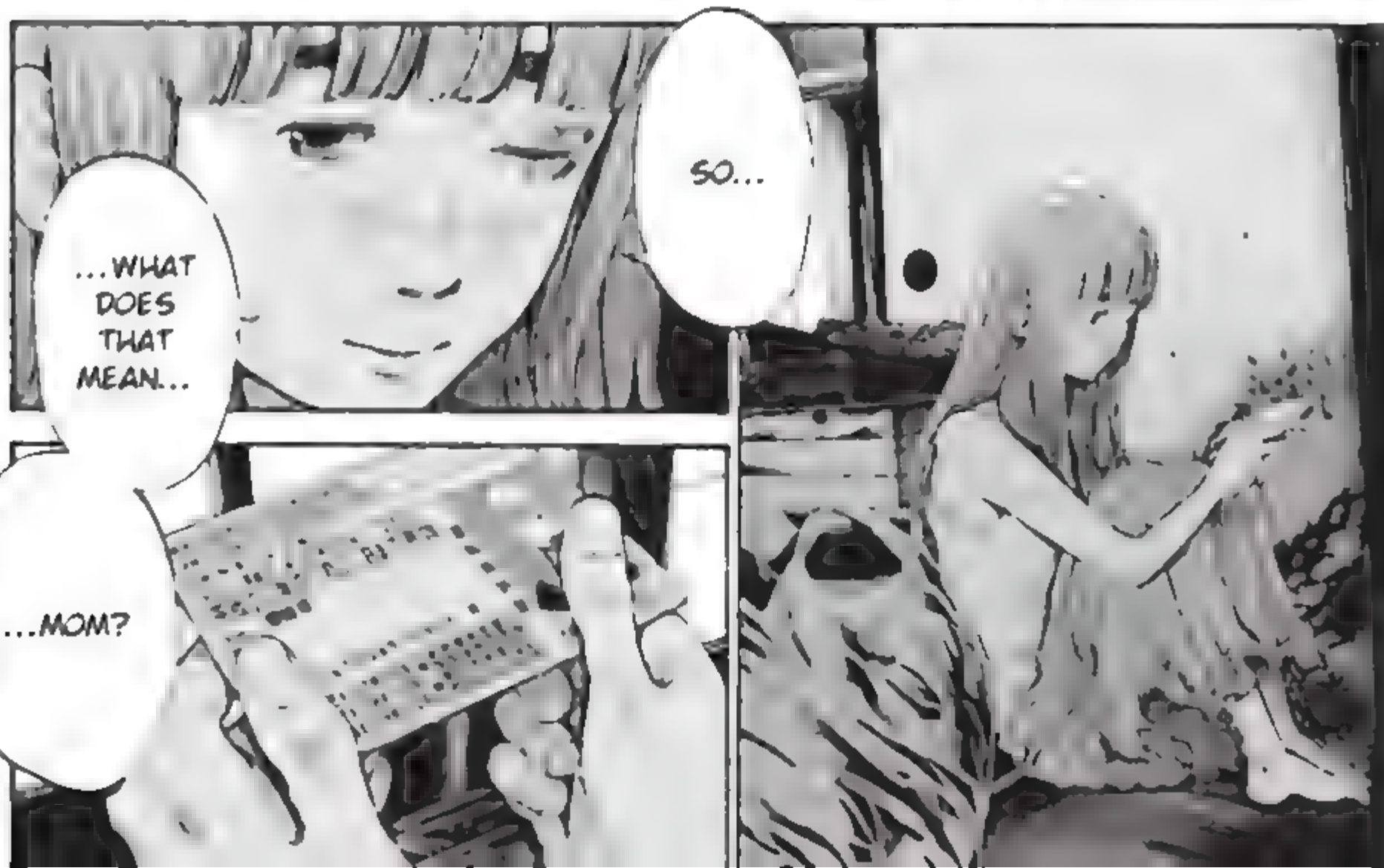
















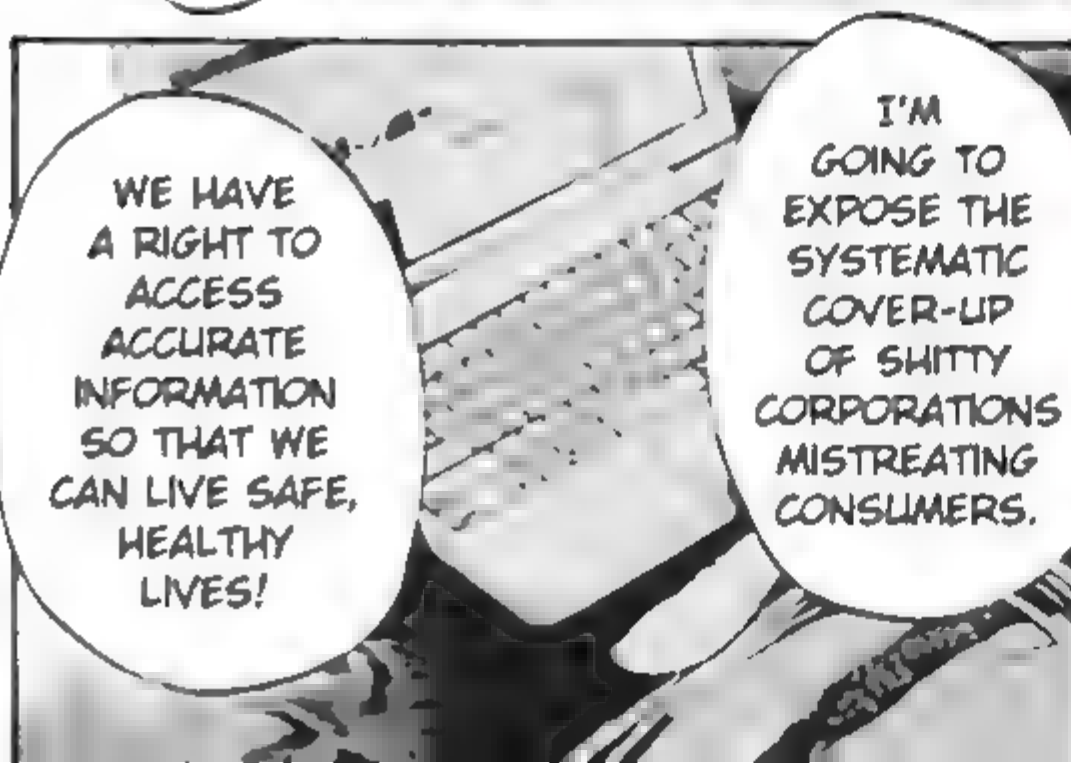
HUH?



SORRY,  
I'M  
STUPID.



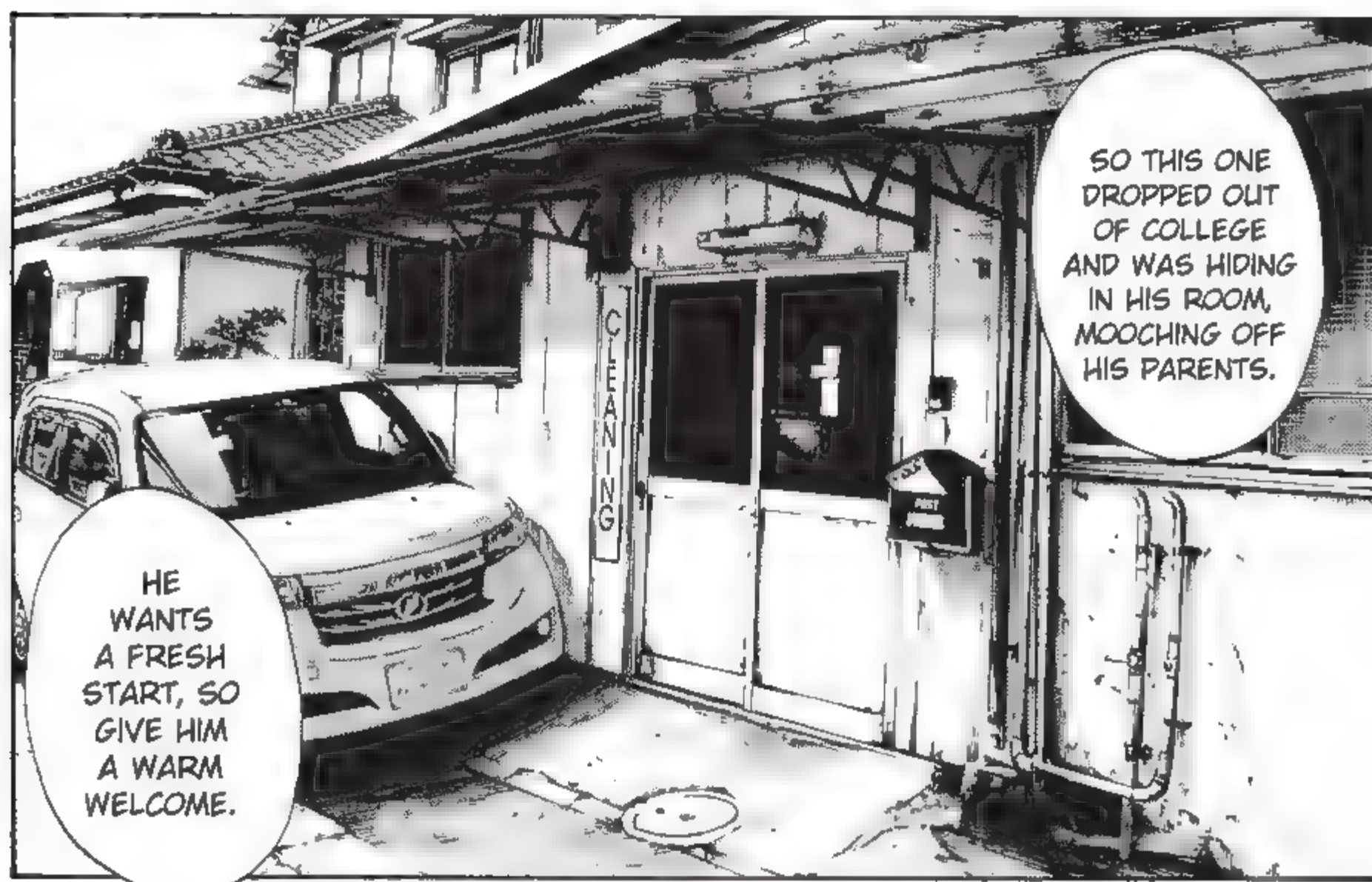
DO I  
REALLY  
NEED TO  
EXPLAIN IT  
TO YOU?



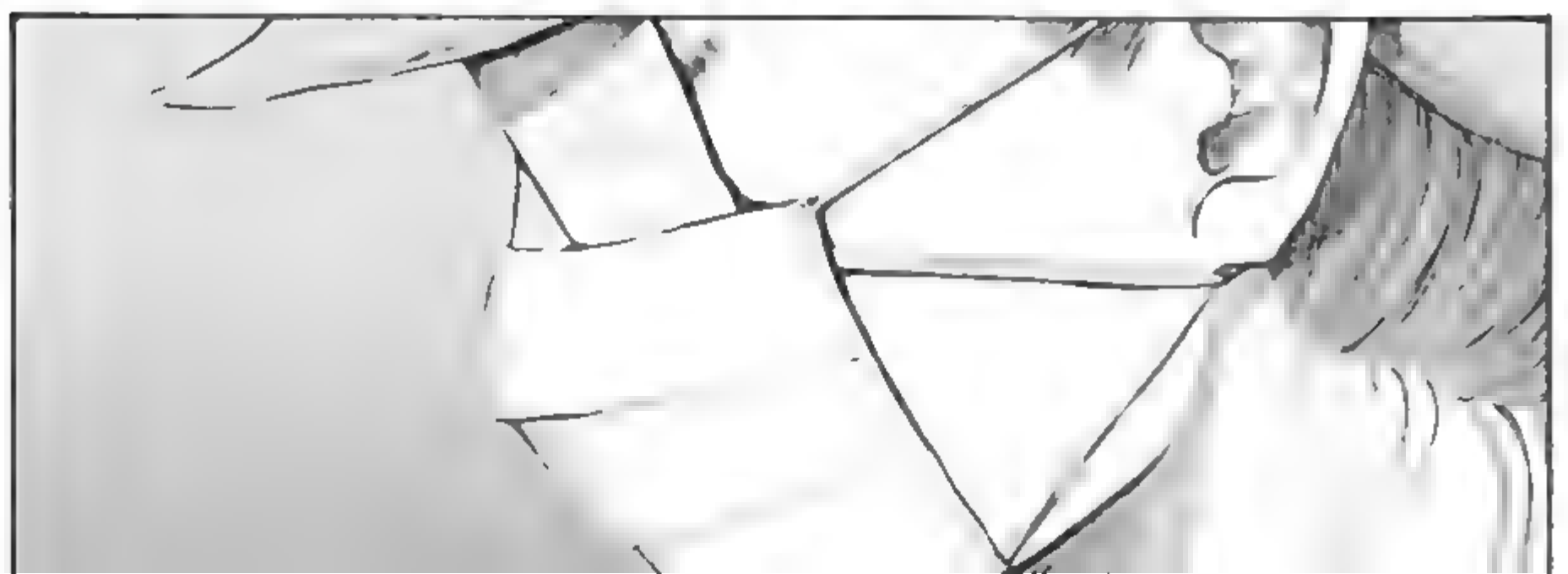
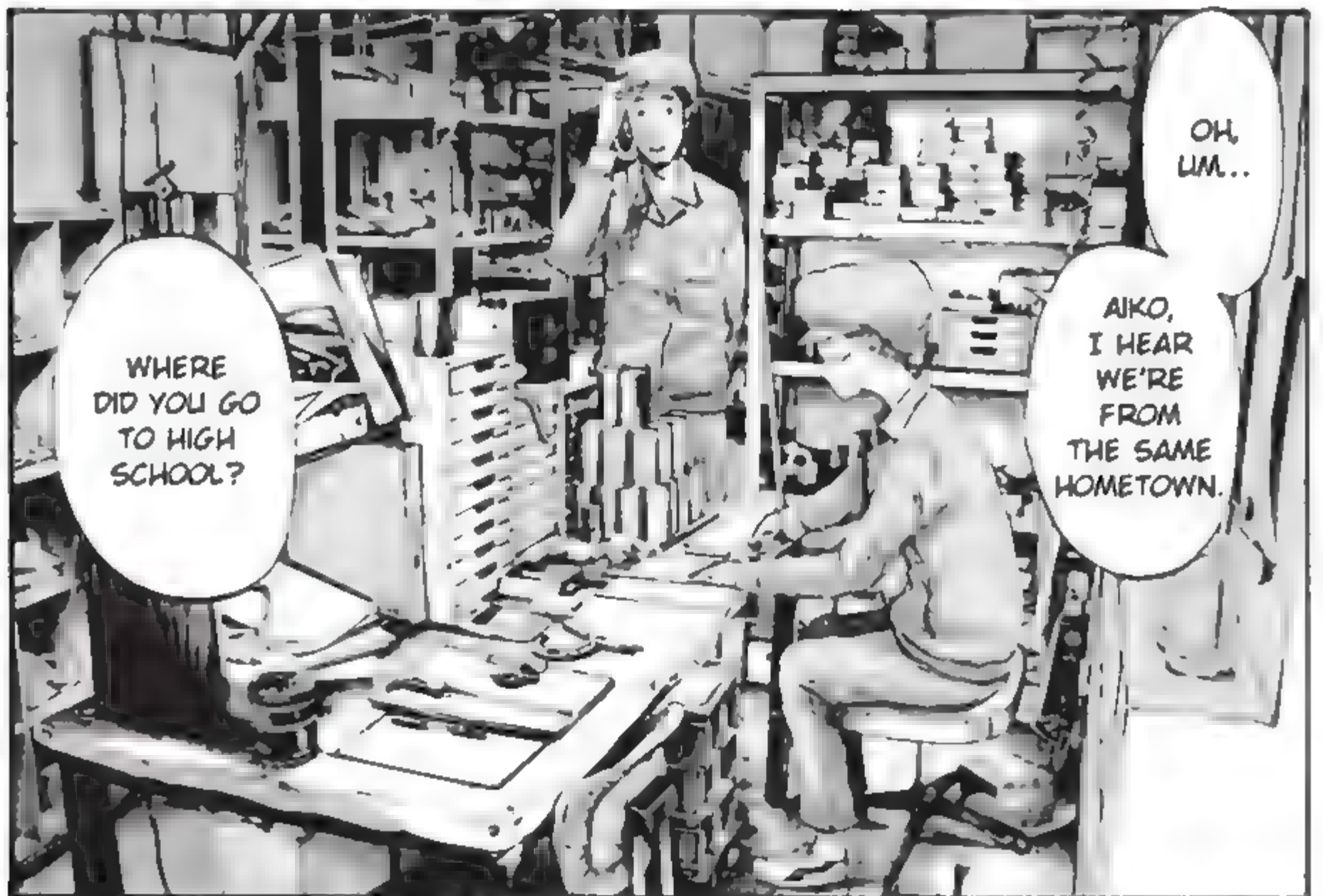
WE HAVE  
A RIGHT TO  
ACCESS  
ACCURATE  
INFORMATION  
SO THAT WE  
CAN LIVE SAFE,  
HEALTHY  
LIVES!

I'M  
GOING TO  
EXPOSE THE  
SYSTEMATIC  
COVER-UP  
OF SHITTY  
CORPORATIONS  
MISTREATING  
CONSUMERS.

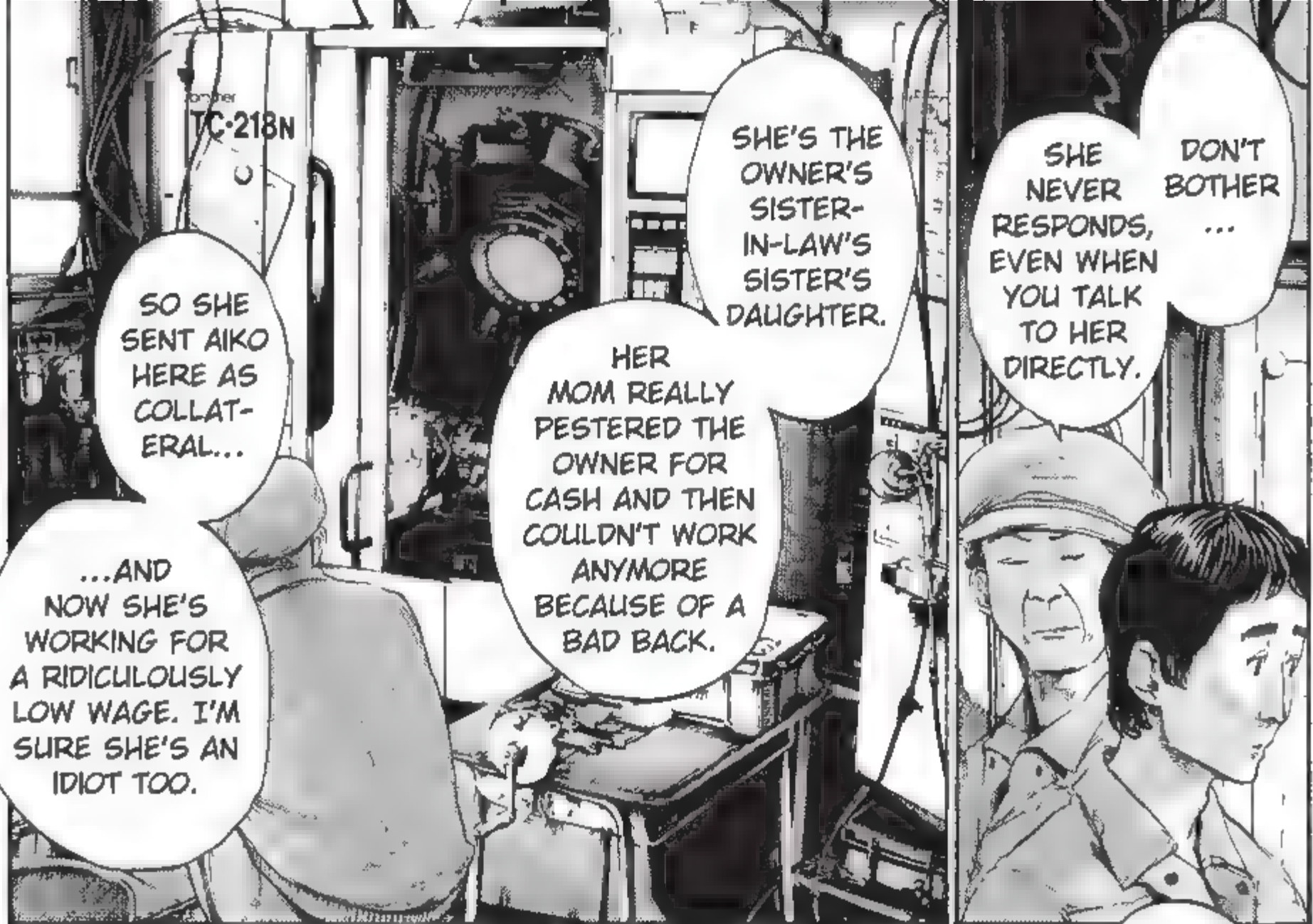












SO SHE  
SENT AIKO  
HERE AS  
COLLAT-  
ERAL...

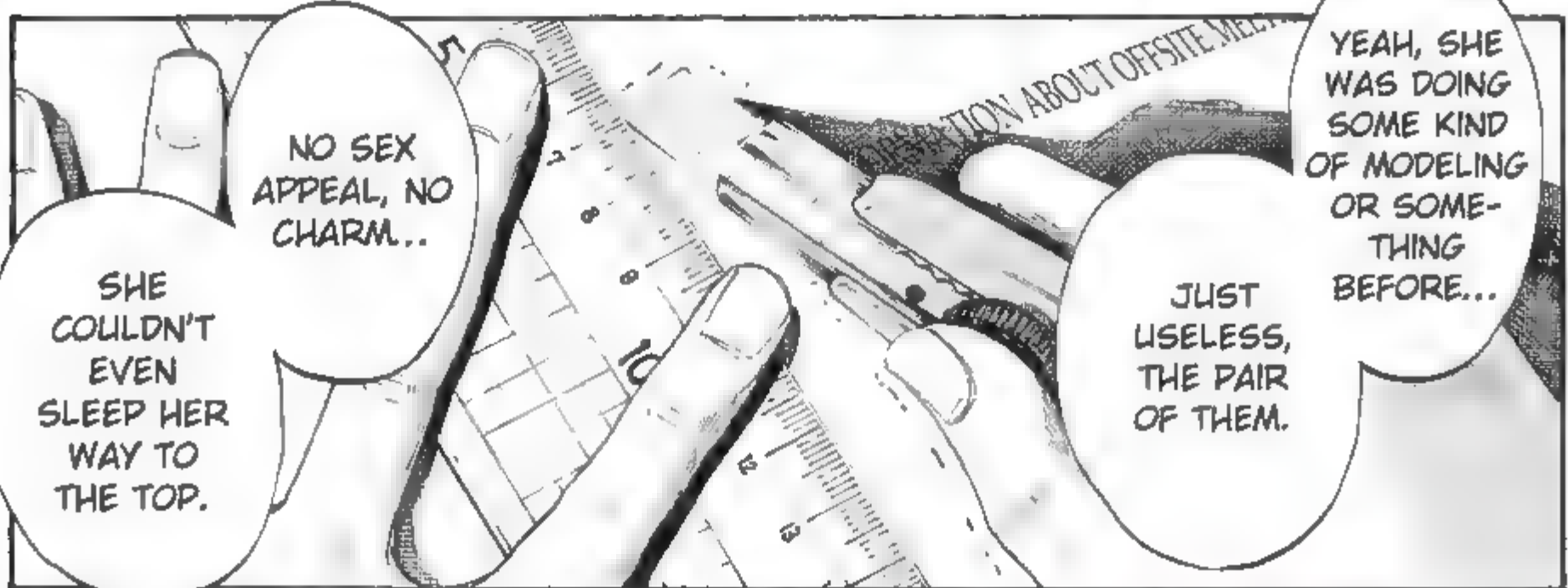
SHE'S THE  
OWNER'S  
SISTER-  
IN-LAW'S  
SISTER'S  
DAUGHTER.

SHE  
NEVER  
RESPONDS,  
EVEN WHEN  
YOU TALK  
TO HER  
DIRECTLY.

DON'T  
BOTHR  
...

HER  
MOM REALLY  
PESTERED THE  
OWNER FOR  
CASH AND THEN  
COULDN'T WORK  
ANYMORE  
BECAUSE OF A  
BAD BACK.

...AND  
NOW SHE'S  
WORKING FOR  
A RIDICULOUSLY  
LOW WAGE. I'M  
SURE SHE'S AN  
IDIOT TOO.



NO SEX  
APPEAL, NO  
CHARM...

SHE  
COULDN'T  
EVEN  
SLEEP HER  
WAY TO  
THE TOP.

YEAH, SHE  
WAS DOING  
SOME KIND  
OF MODELING  
OR SOME-  
THING  
BEFORE...

JUST  
USELESS,  
THE PAIR  
OF THEM.



HEY,  
YOU.

HOW  
MANY  
DICKS  
HAVE YOU  
SLUCKED?

SHE  
WON'T SAY  
ANYTHING.

UH,  
WAIT,  
CAN'T  
SHE  
HEAR  
YOU?





THAT'S  
TAKING IT  
TOO FAR.

WHOA...

WAIT...



SURE  
I DO,  
LOTS.

DON'T YOU  
HAVE ANY  
EMPATHY?



OH  
YEAH?

THAT'S A  
DISGUSTING  
THING TO  
SAY TO A  
WOMAN.

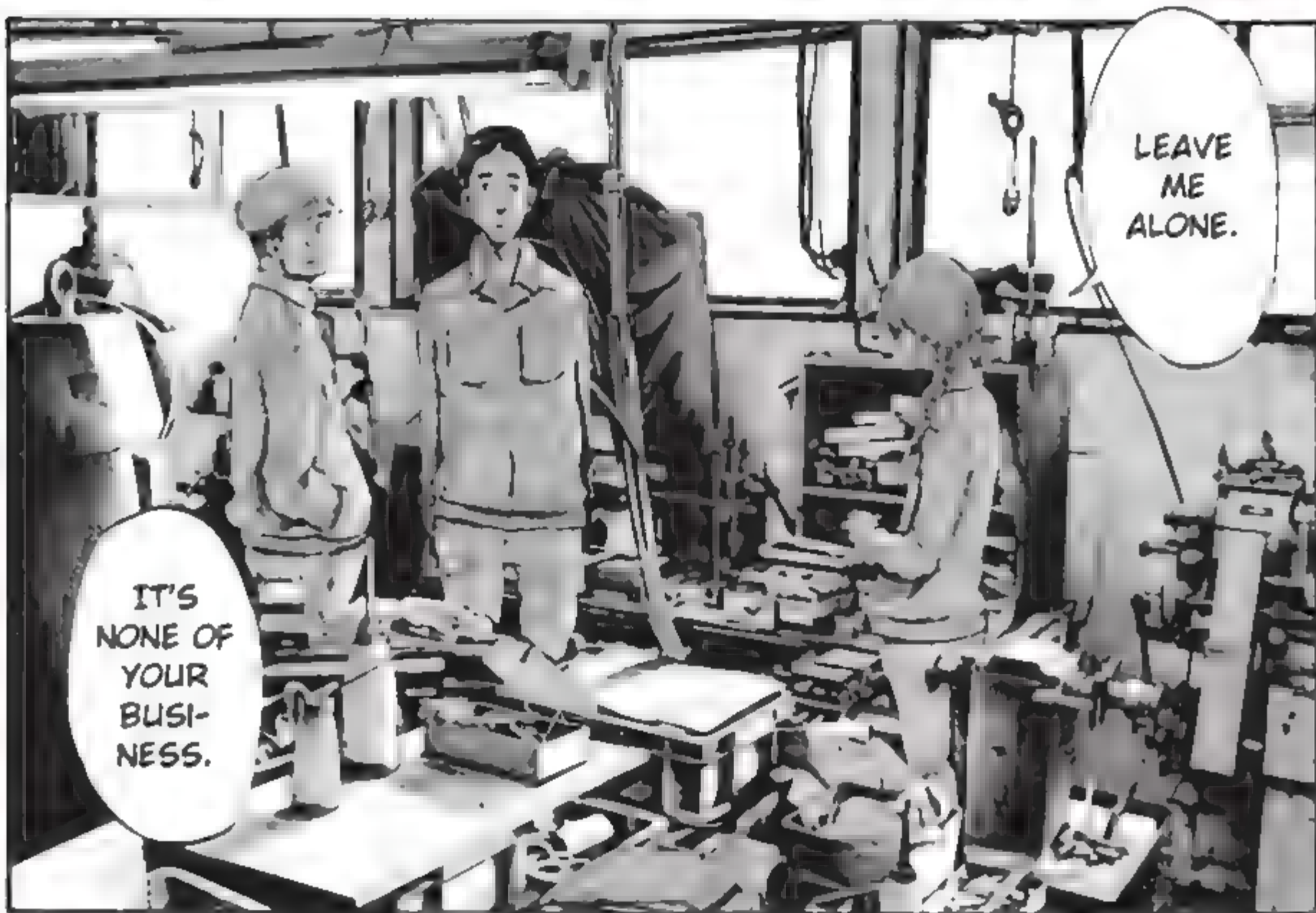
IT'S  
SEXUAL  
HARASS-  
MENT!



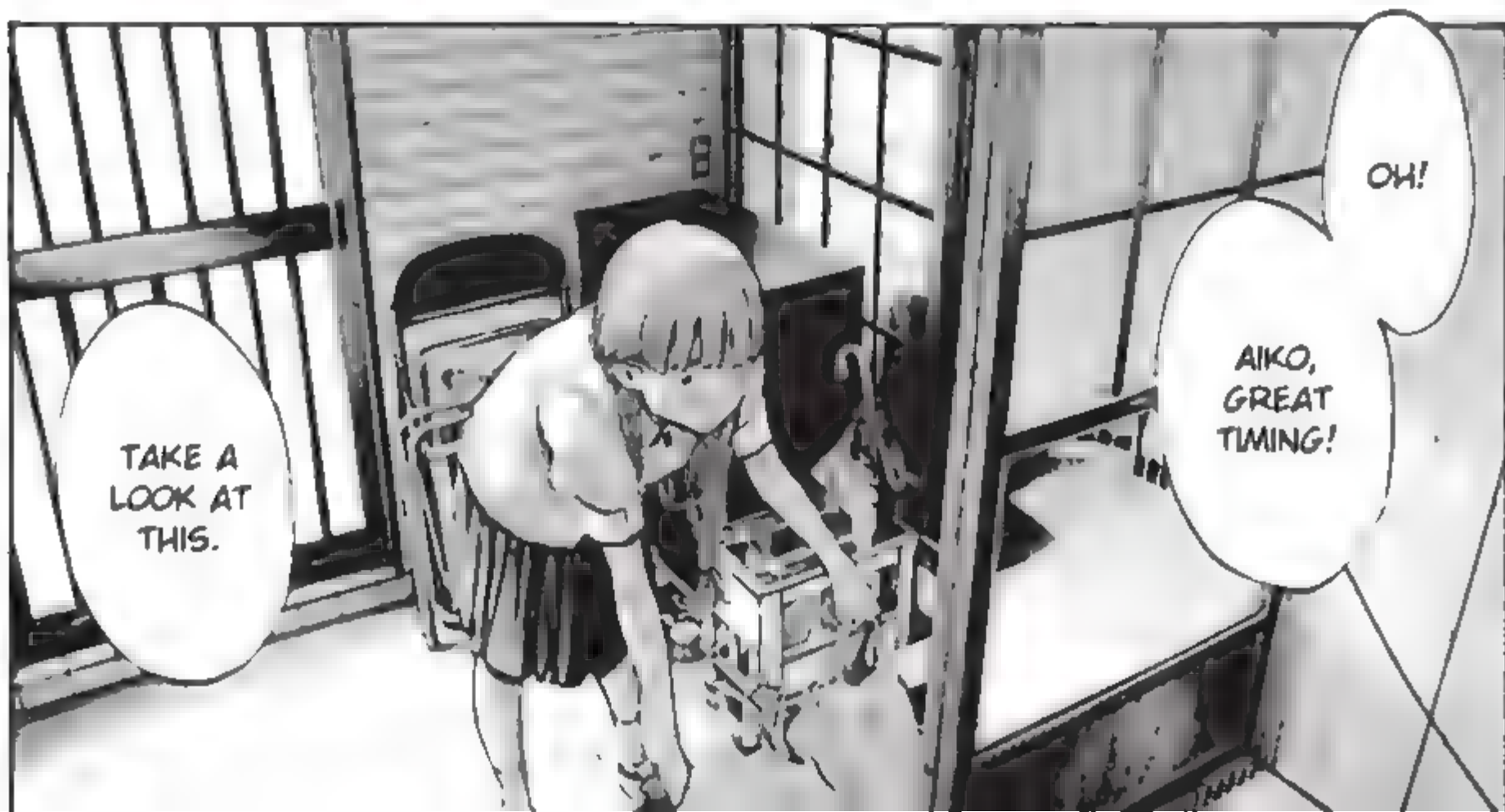
WHY DON'T  
YOU SAY  
SOMETHING,  
AIKO?

I CAN'T  
STAND  
BY AND  
WATCH  
THAT.

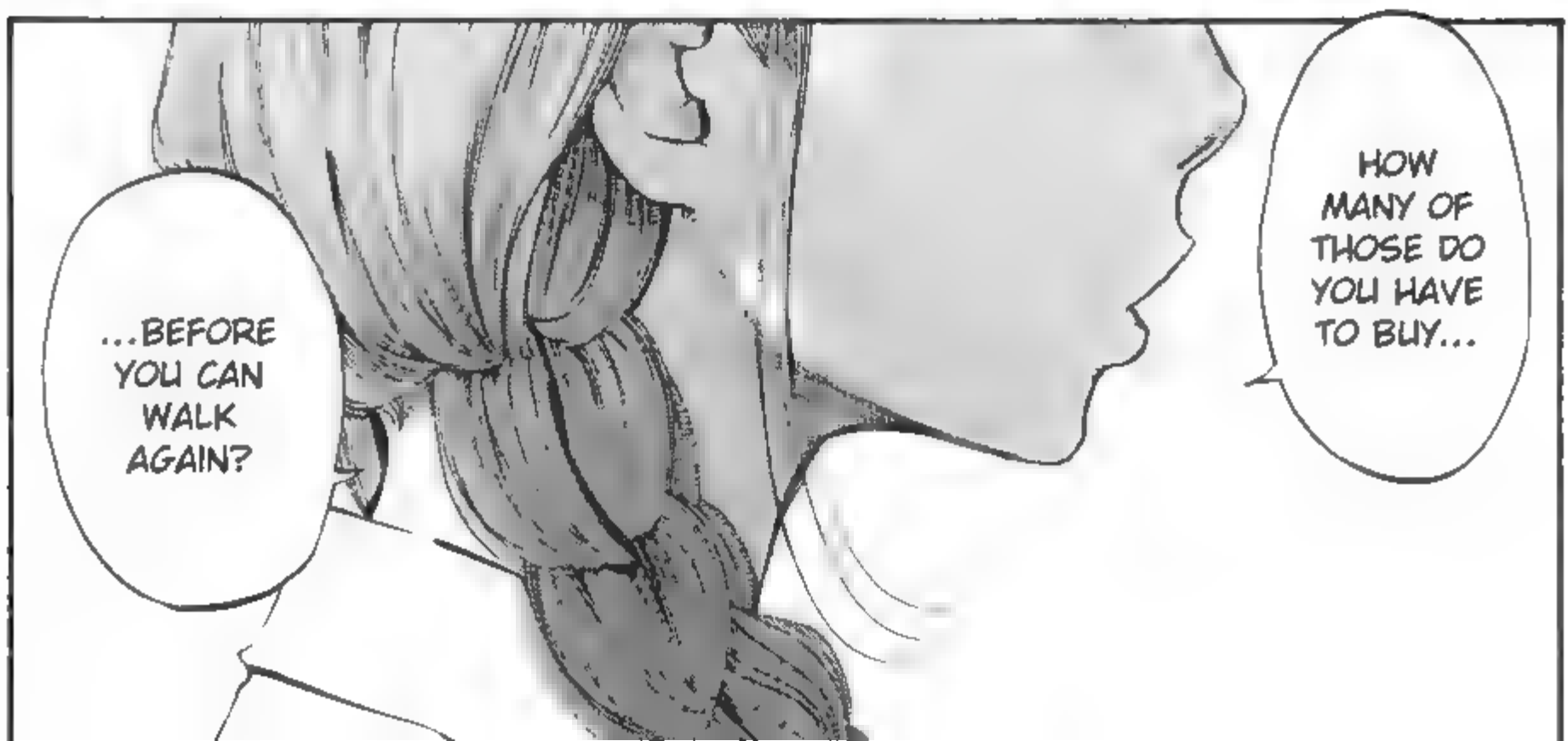
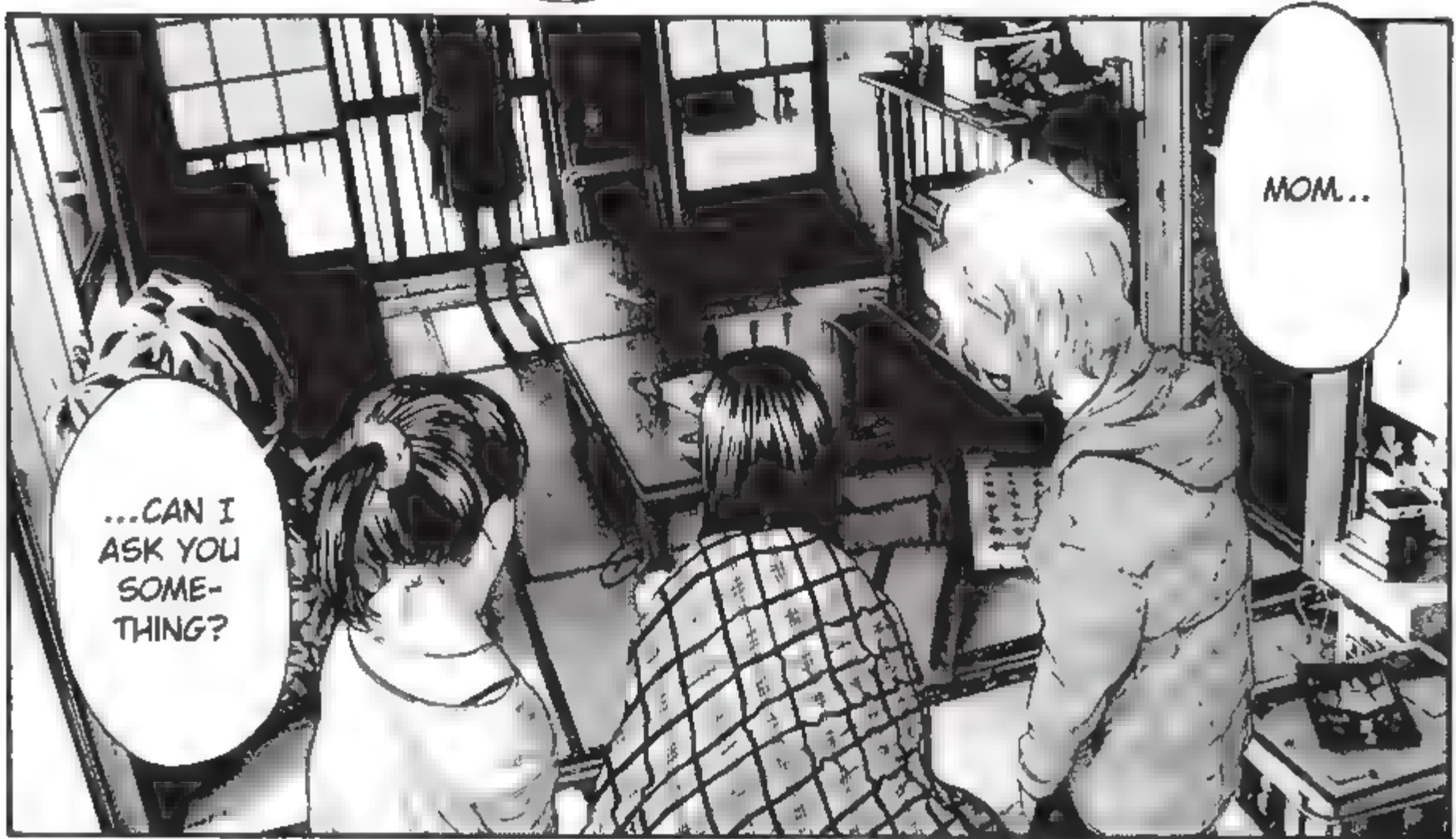




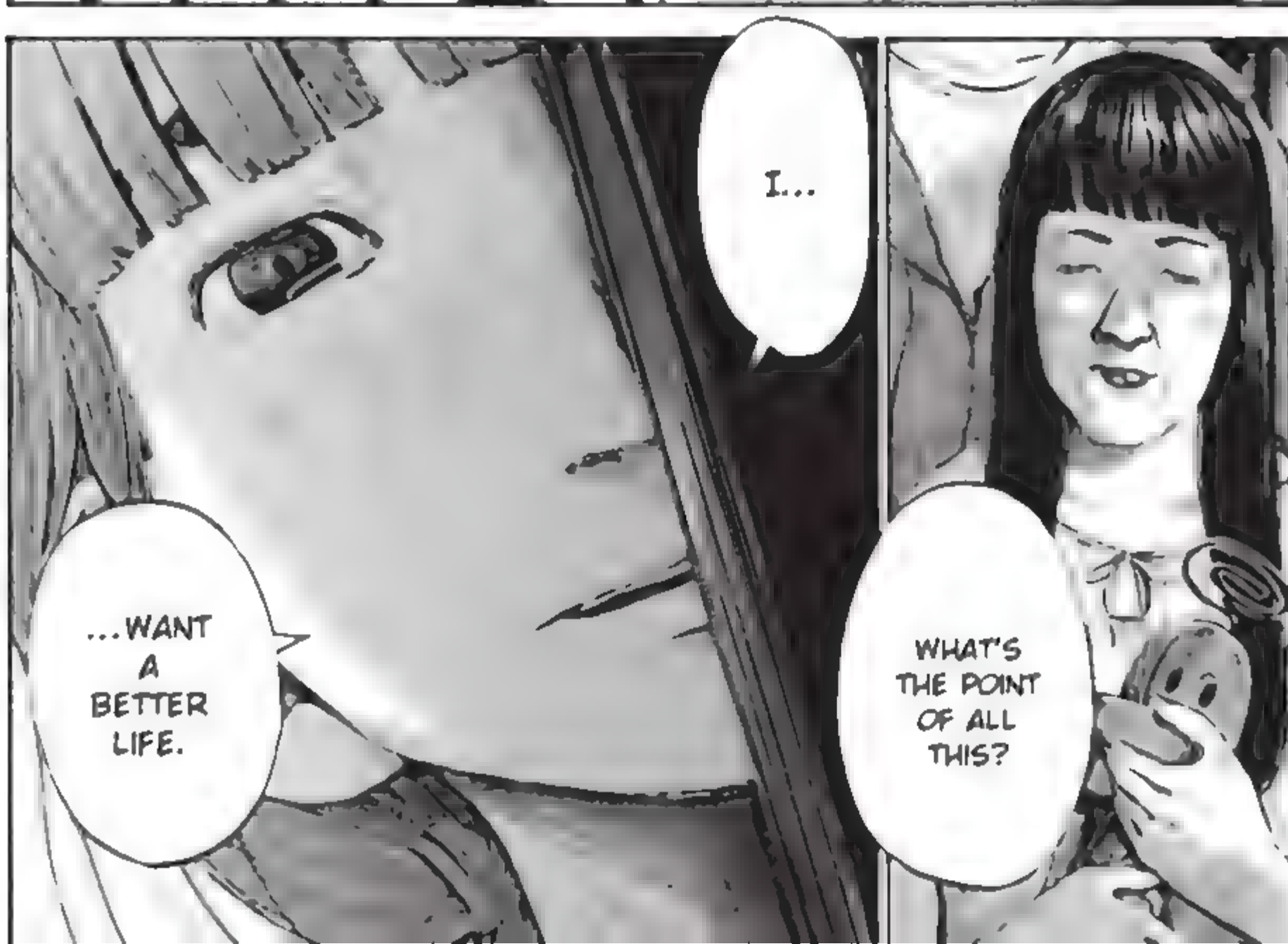
















YOU  
KNOW  
WHAT'S  
COMING.



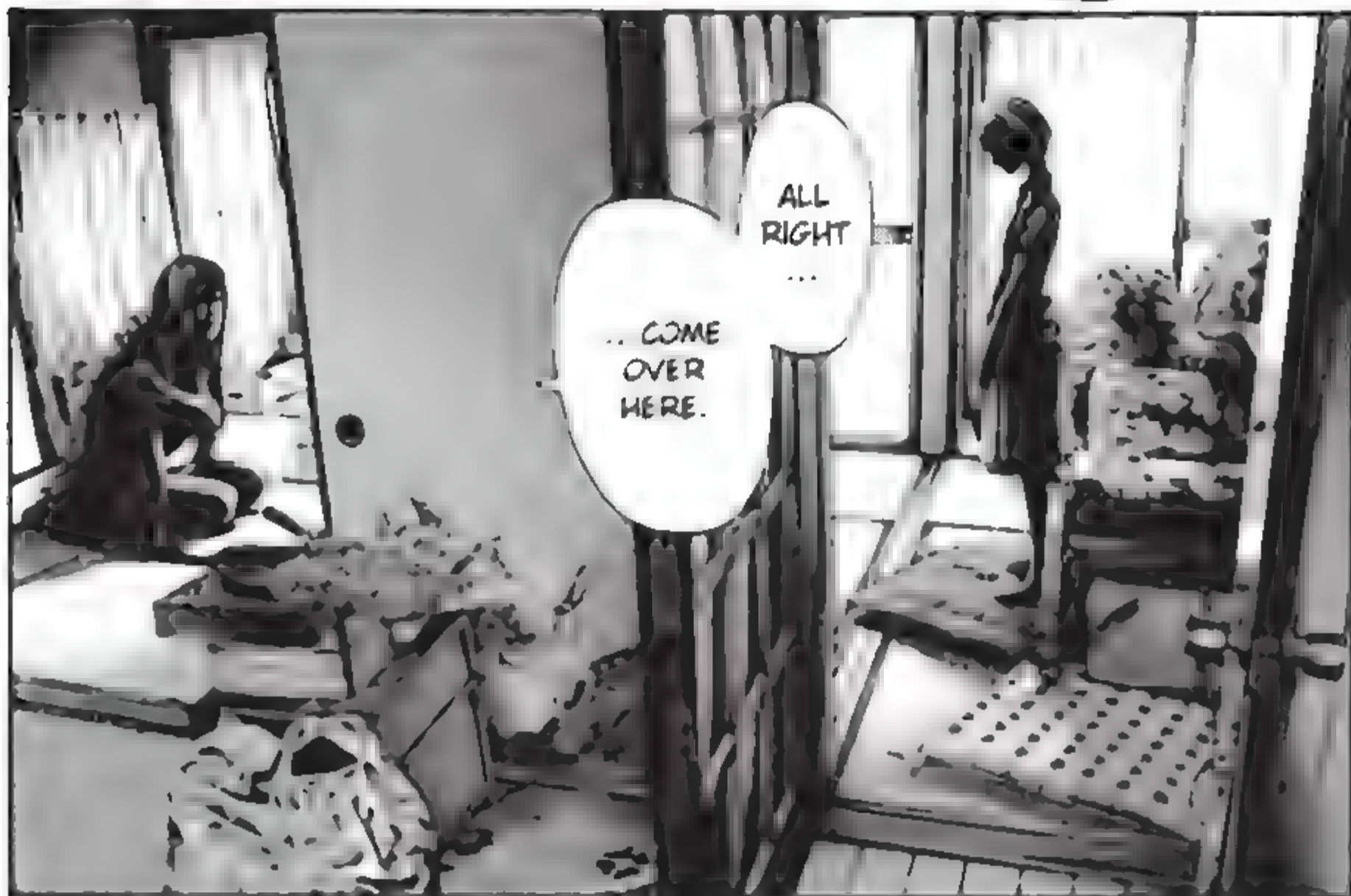
PLEASE  
GO.

I'M  
SORRY,  
EVERY-  
ONE.



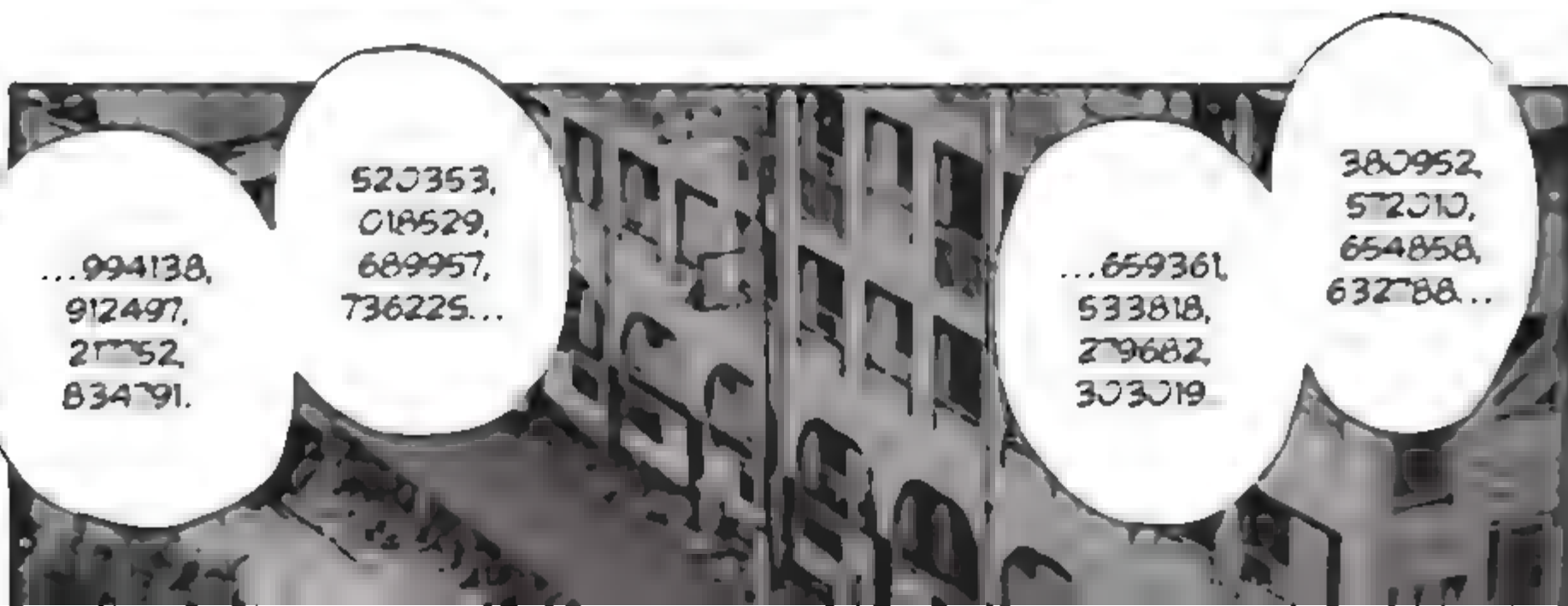
...HAVE  
YOU SEEN  
ANYONE  
LATELY?

AIKO...



ALL  
RIGHT  
...

.. COME  
OVER  
HERE.



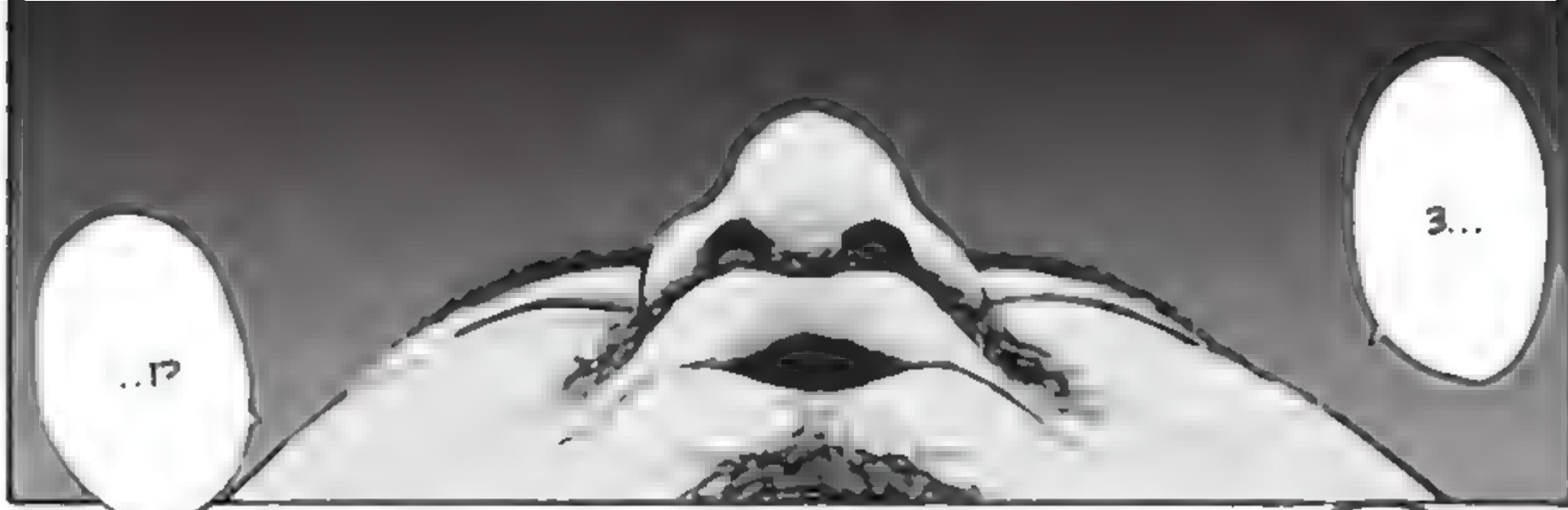
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303019

380952,  
572010,  
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...P

3...



NO  
MISTAKING  
THOSE GOOD  
VIBRATIONS.

ARE YOU  
AWAKE,  
BABY?



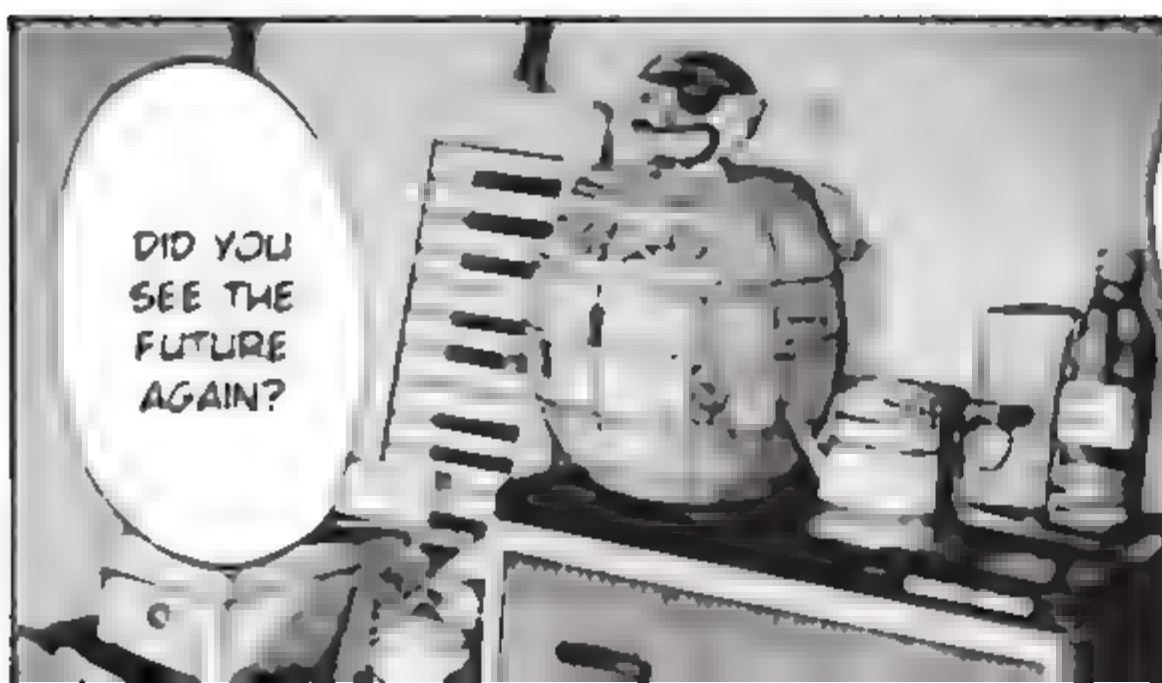
DREAMING

I  
WAS...



YOUR  
SLEEP  
TALKING  
WAS  
BEYOND  
BEAUTIFUL.

YOU WERE  
ASLEEP FOR  
ABOUT FIVE  
DAYS.



DID YOU  
SEE THE  
FUTURE  
AGAIN?





OH YEAH,  
THAT  
SCOOTER  
YOU WANTED  
ME TO  
LOOK FOR...

I  
FINALLY  
FOUND  
IT.

...THE  
EARTH WILL  
BE SMASHED  
TO SMITHER-  
EENS...

ON  
JULY  
7...

OUR  
PERFOR-  
MANCE WAS  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE  
PERFECT.

ing.



...AFTER  
ALL.

IT'S A  
BLACK  
MARK...



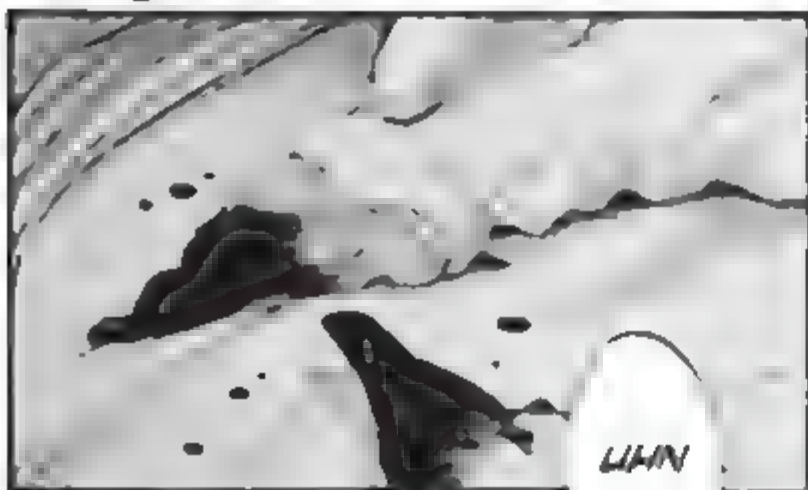
THE  
WORLD CAN  
BECOME MORE  
BEAUTIFUL!





UHN  
...

UHN  
...



UHN  
...



UHN  
...

UHN  
...



UHN  
...

...  
UHN  
...

UHN  
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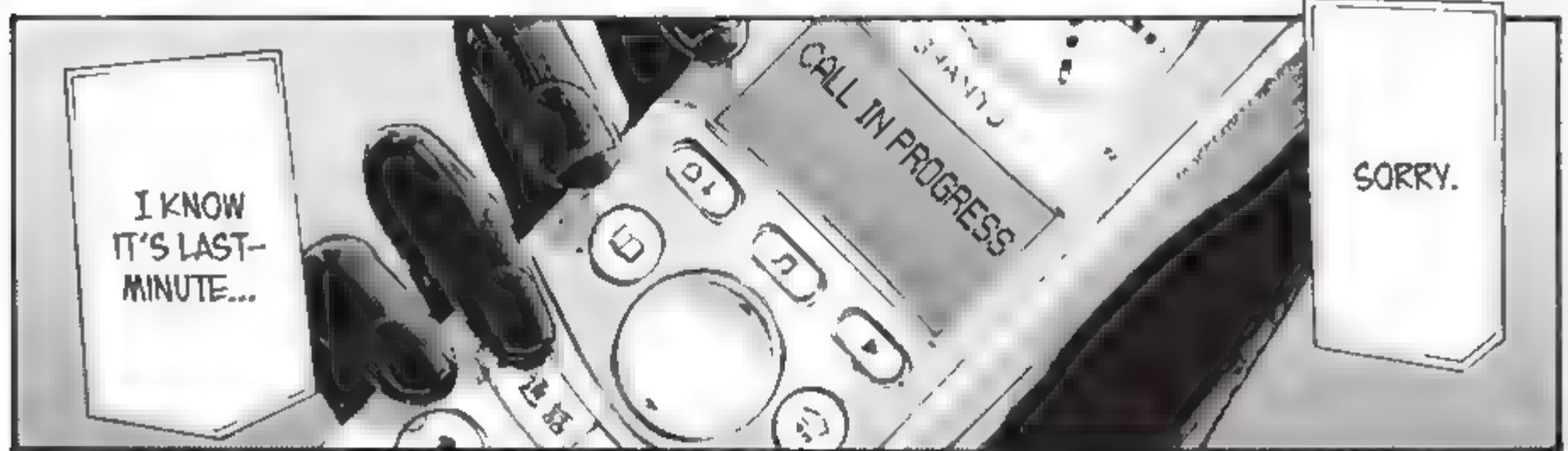
...  
UHN.

UHN  
...







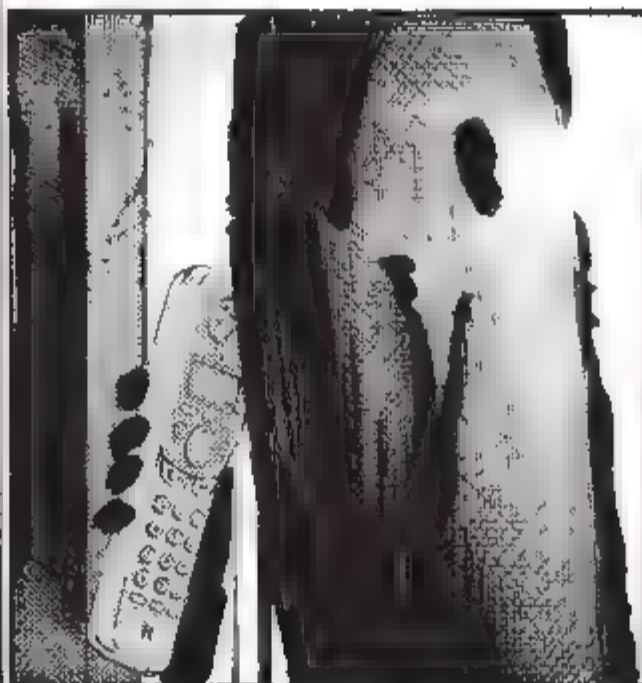




"You  
say that  
knowing  
I already  
feel like  
I need to  
come."

...JUST  
LEANING  
ON YOUR  
SWEET  
NATURE.

I  
WAS...



"First  
you tell  
me to come,  
then you tell  
me not to  
come. You're  
awfully  
selfish."



SO  
PLEASE,  
DON'T BE  
MAD AT  
ME RIGHT  
NOW...

I WAS  
COMPLETELY  
WRONG.

BUT...

...YOU  
REALLY  
DON'T  
NEED  
TO.

Nok

Nok



"I want to  
know what  
you really  
want to do!"



"I'm not  
just... mad, and  
I don't  
care who's  
wrong..."





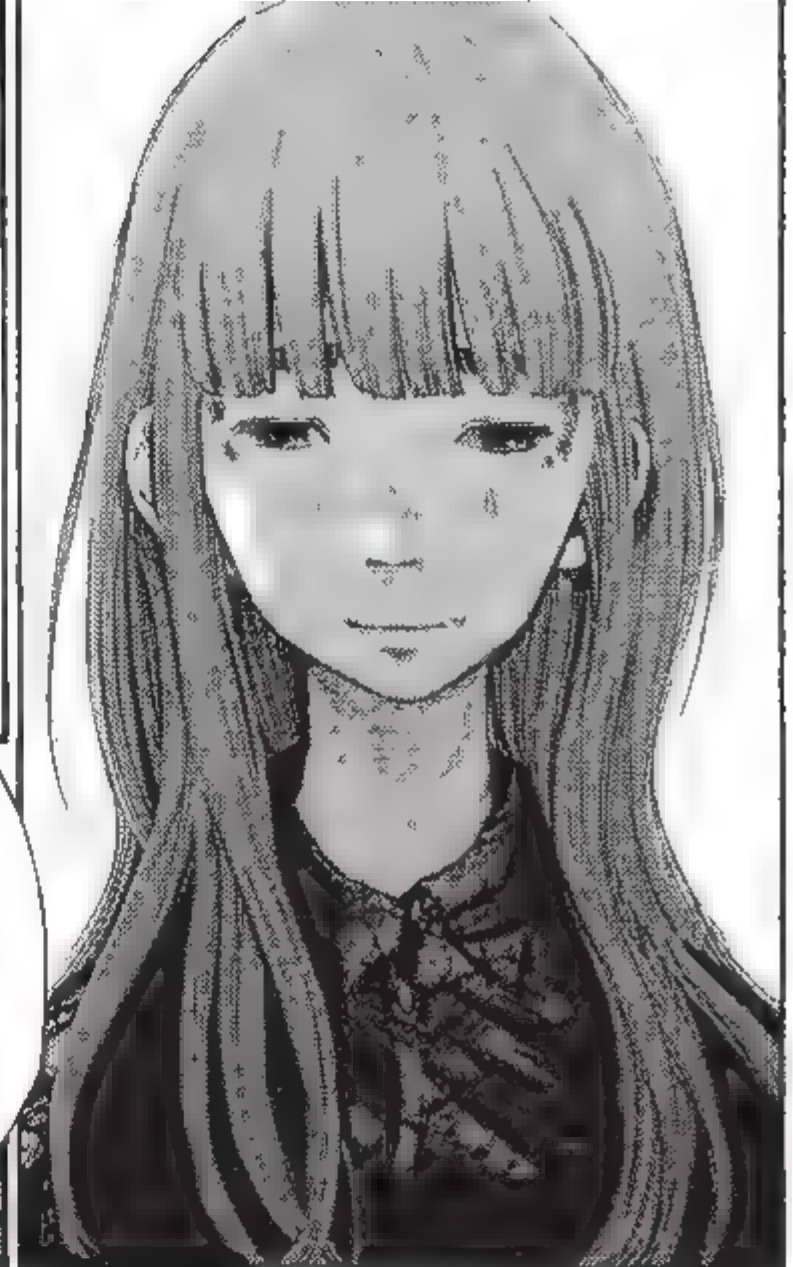




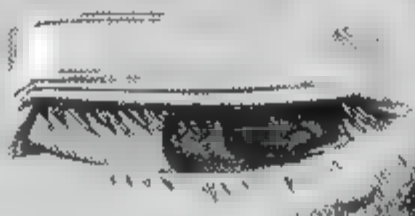




"Those  
bruises..."



SORRY,  
WERE YOU  
ON THE  
PHONE?



IT'S  
NOTHING.

"There's  
no way  
that's  
nothing."

SORRY  
TO  
DISTURB  
YOU...

I'LL GO.

I JUST  
STOPPED BY  
BECAUSE I  
WAS IN THE  
NEIGHBOR-  
HOOD.







"What  
is this?"

"I don't  
think I could  
even boil  
noodles."

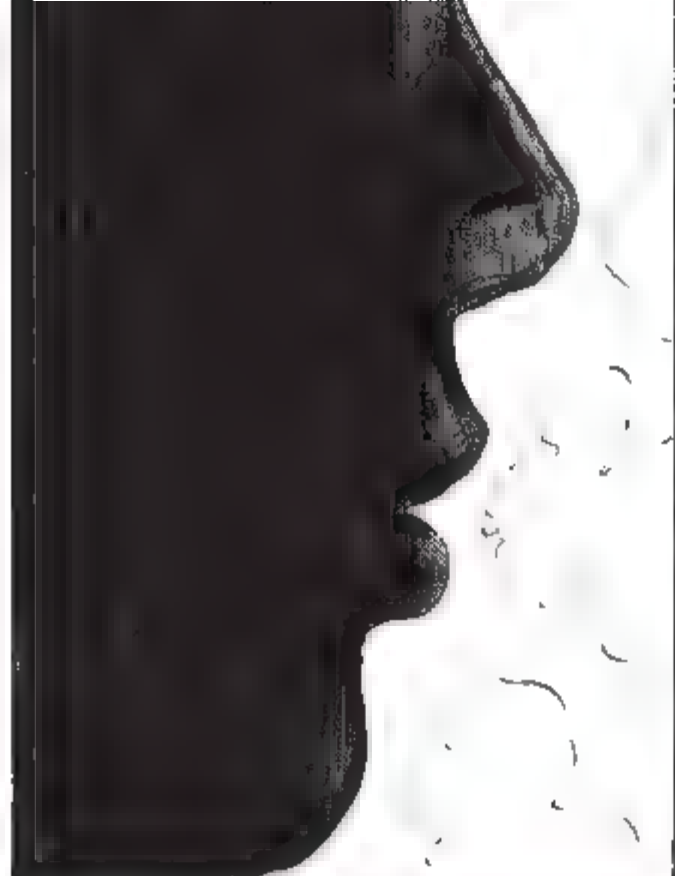
"I feel so  
unsettled..."

"...just  
come  
out  
and  
say it."

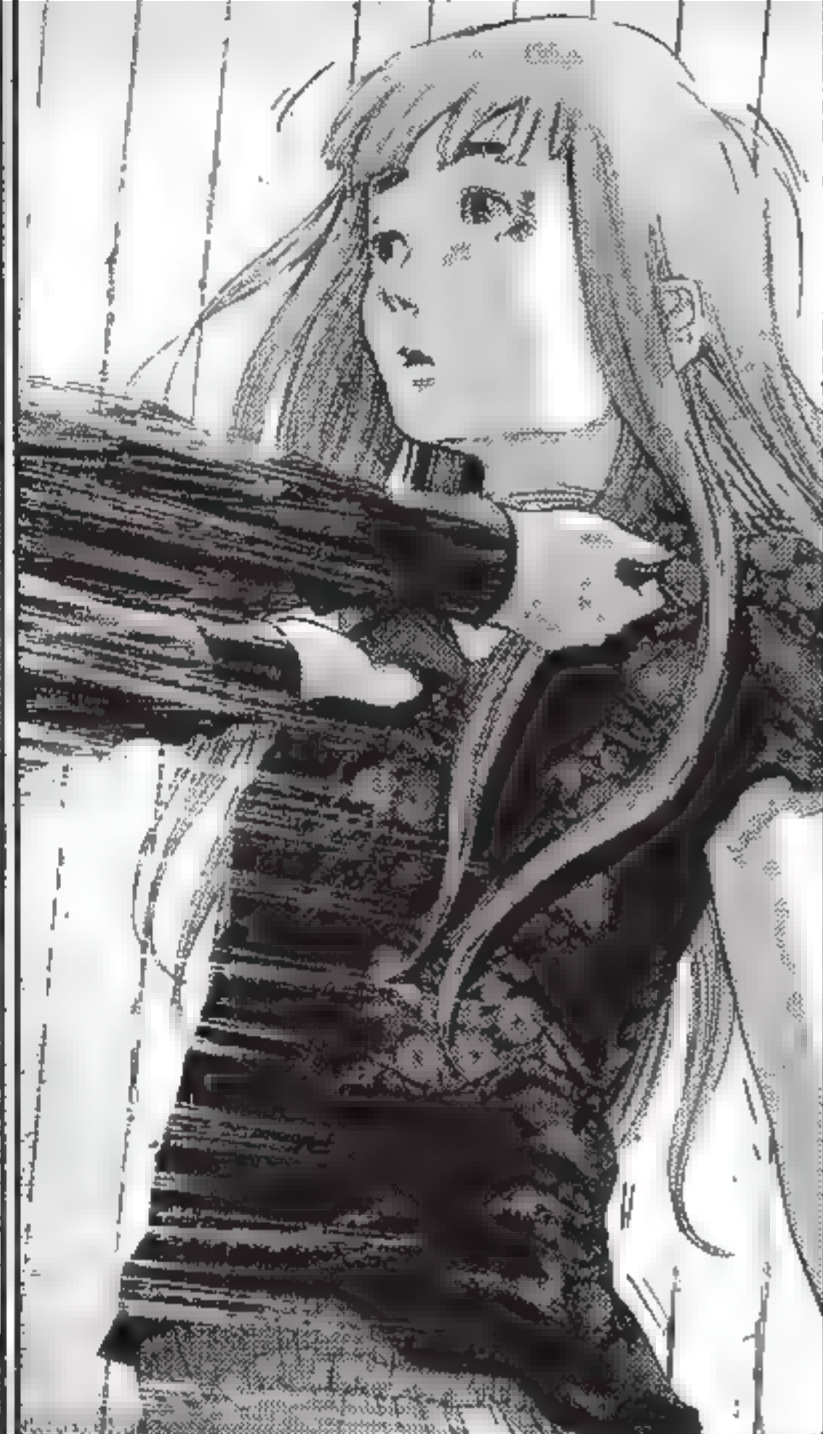
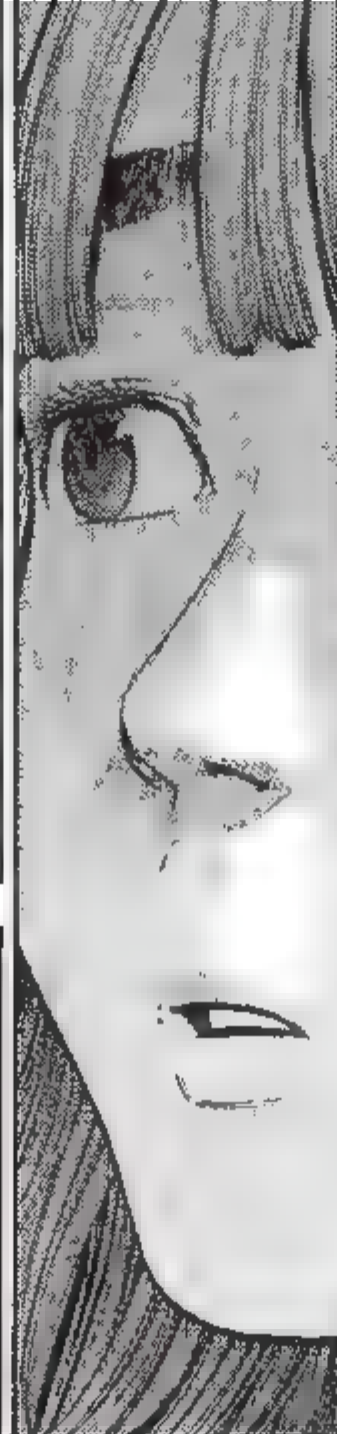
"If you  
have  
some-  
thing to  
say..."







"Just  
say it."

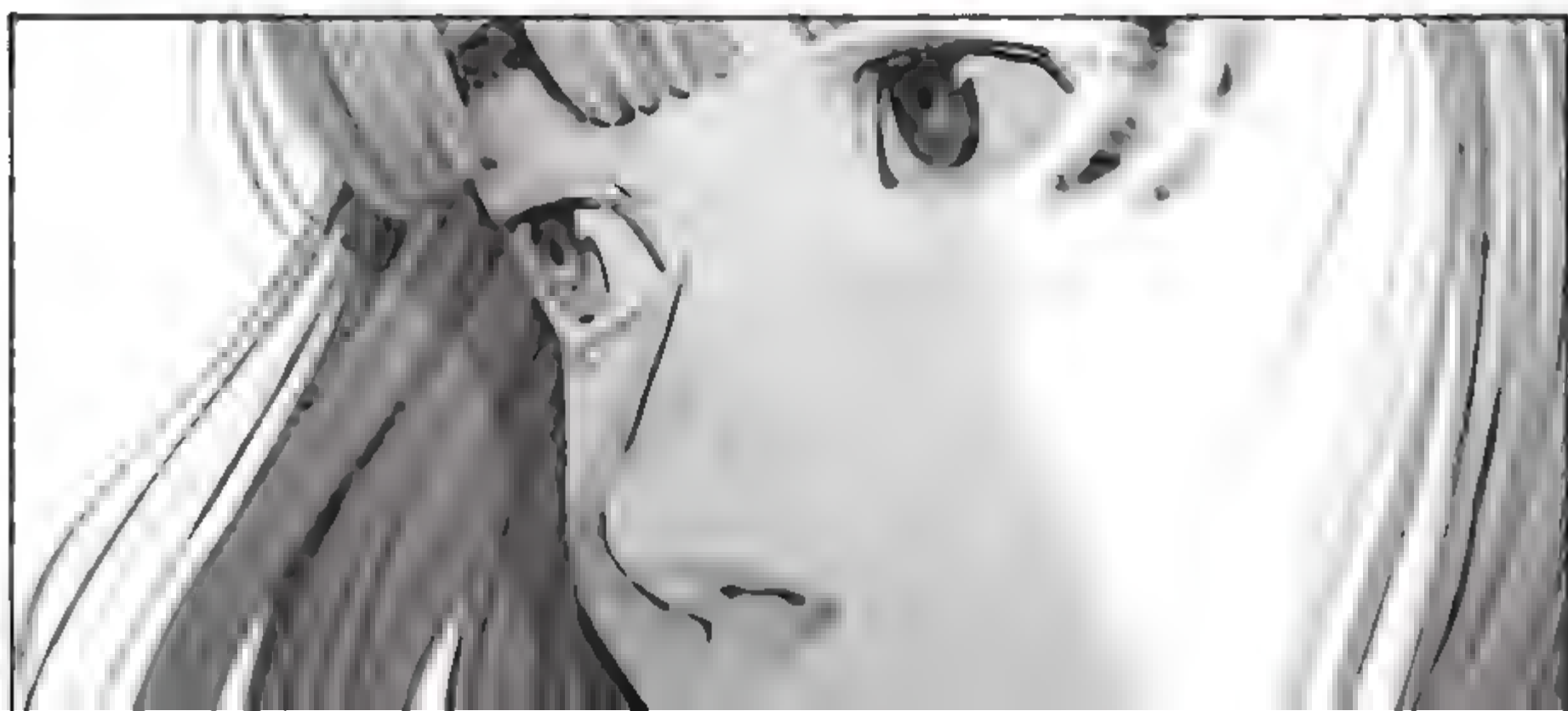


You  
too.

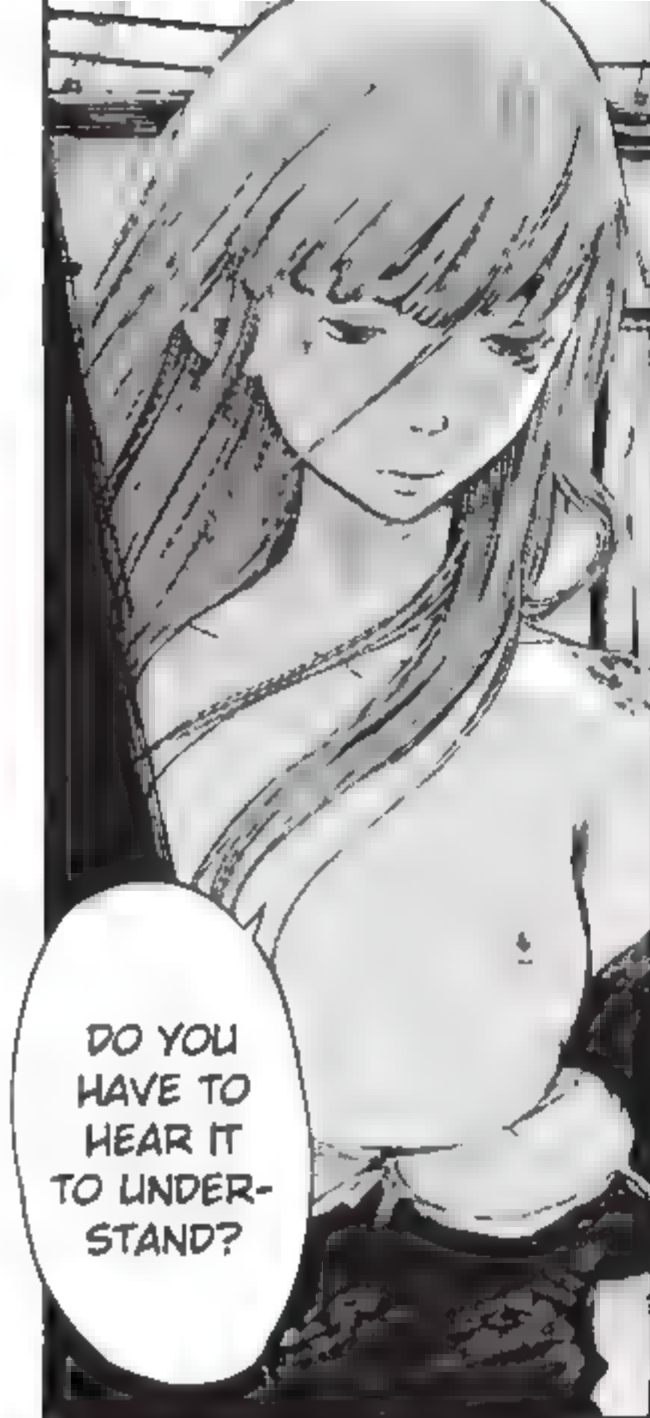


I want to  
have sex!  
With you!









DO YOU  
HAVE TO  
HEAR IT  
TO UNDER-  
STAND?



I  
WANTED  
TO SEE  
YOU...

THAT'S  
ALL.

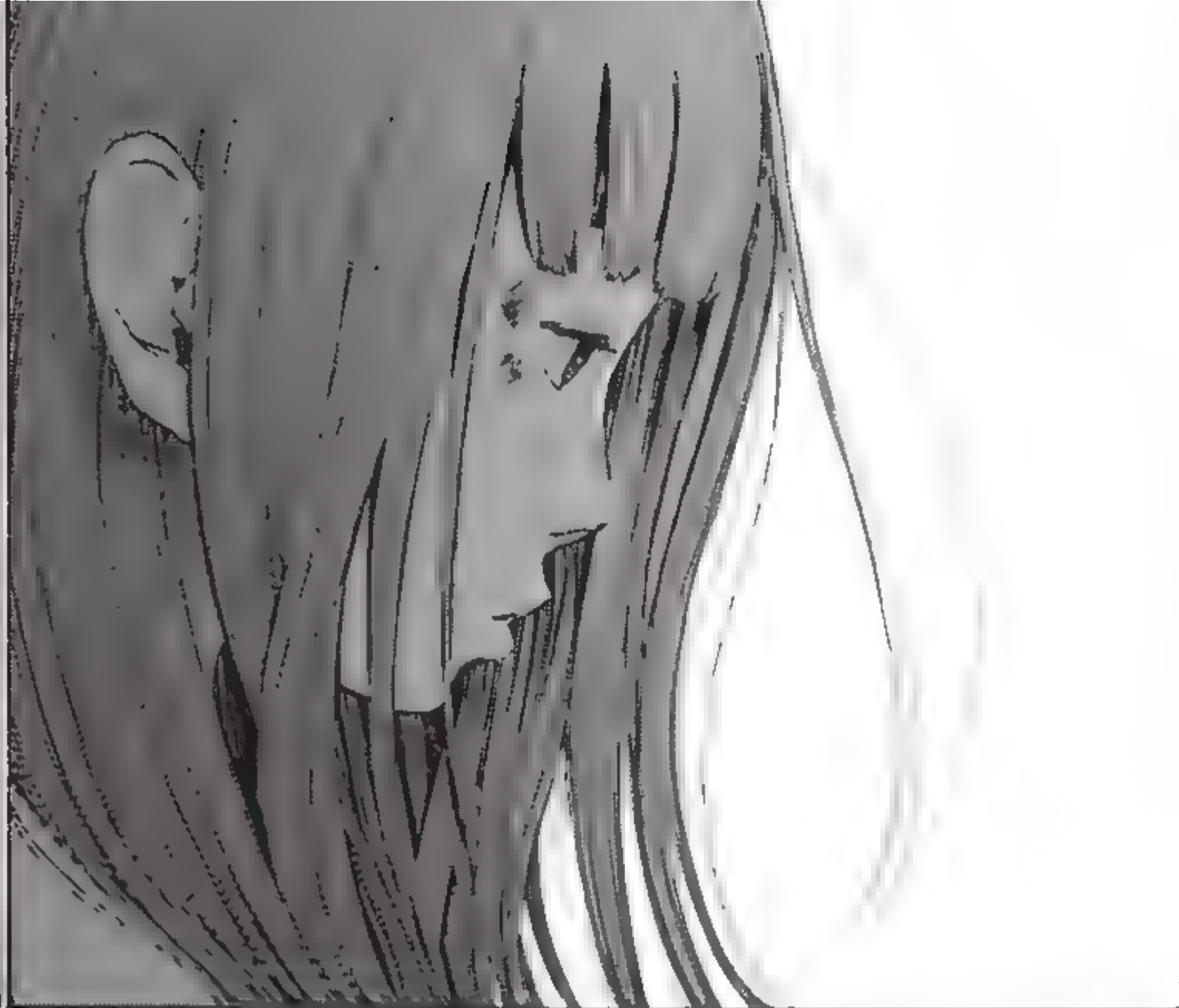
ISN'T  
THAT  
ENOUGH?



In the  
soundless  
100-square-  
foot room...



...heart-  
beats  
and sighs  
filled the  
air.



...faded  
away like  
a mirage.

From  
somewhere,  
the voices of  
children on  
their way home  
from school...



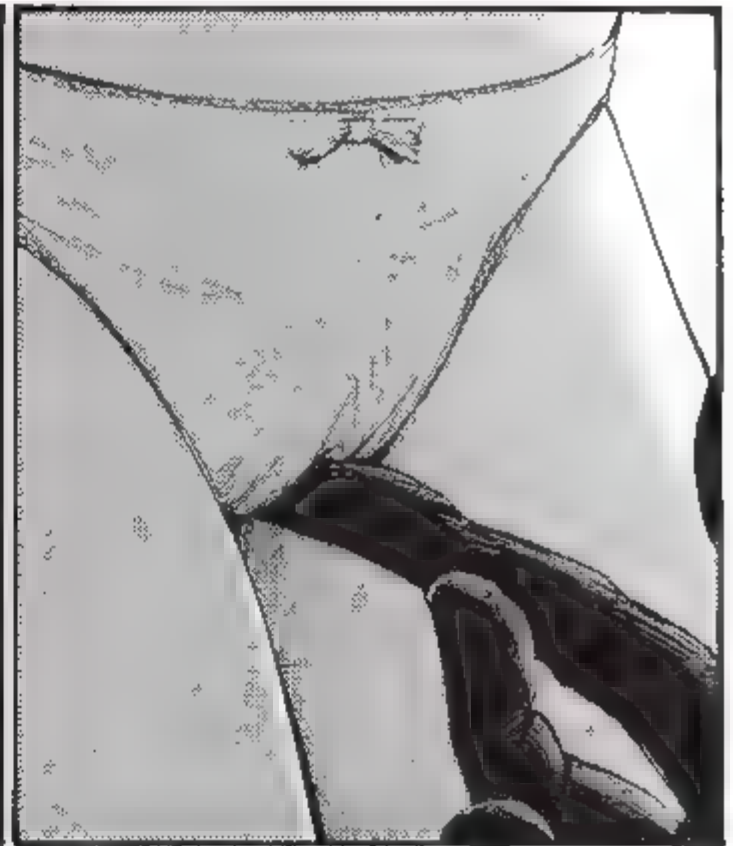




...there had never been a time when he'd had a connection with anyone.

Thinking back on his twenty years...

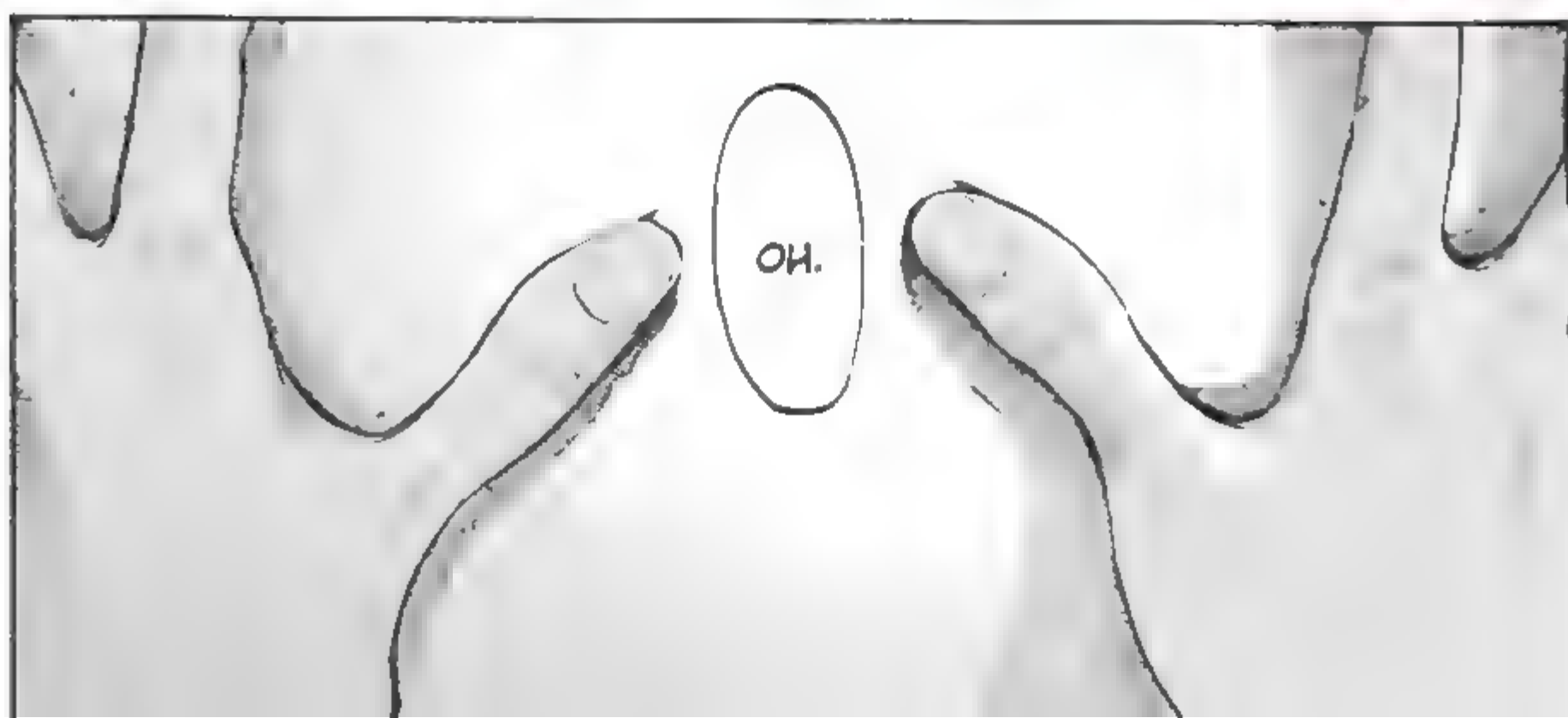
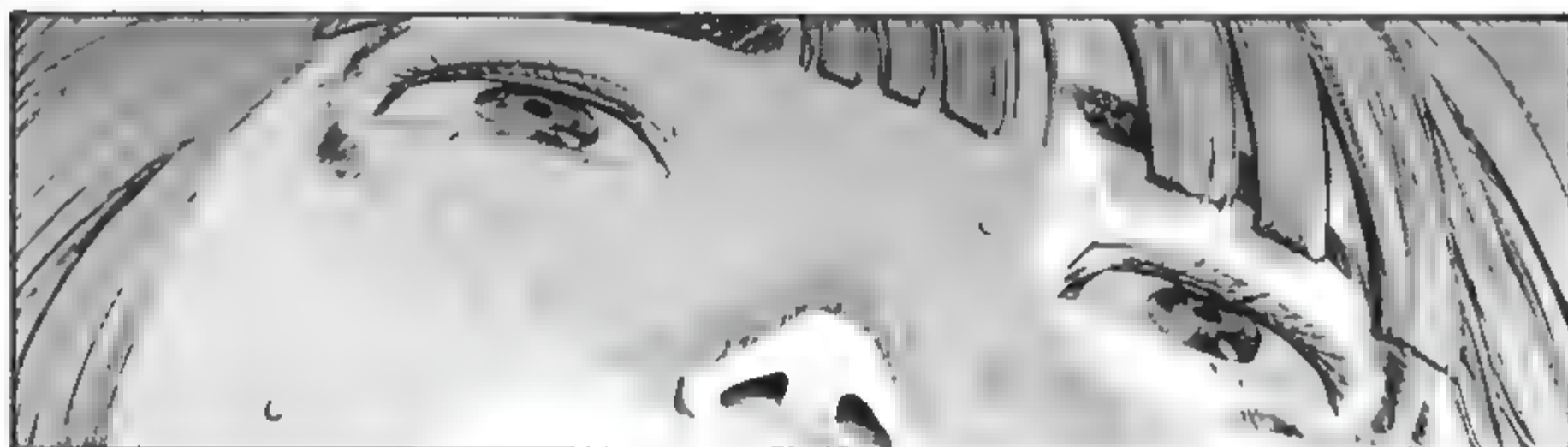
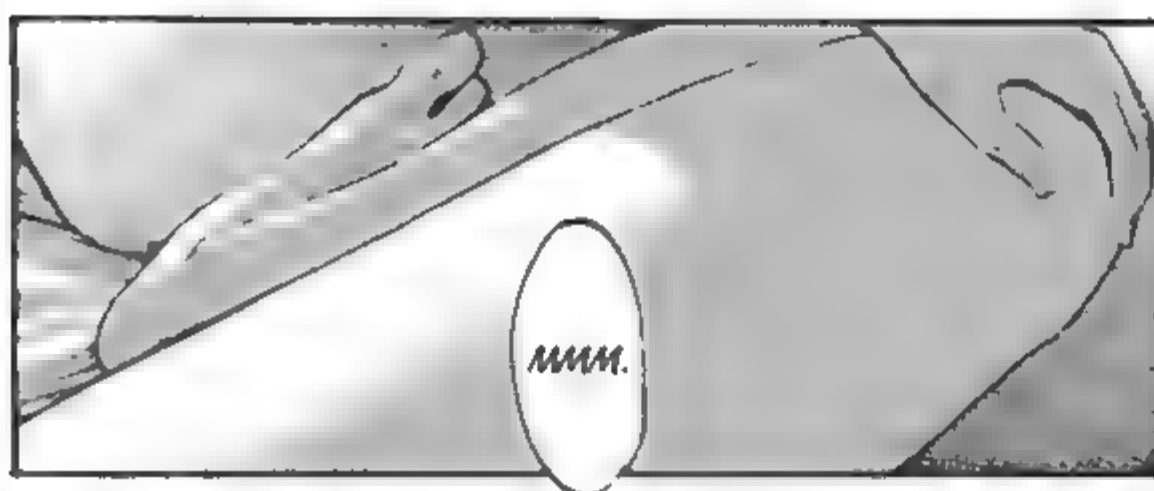
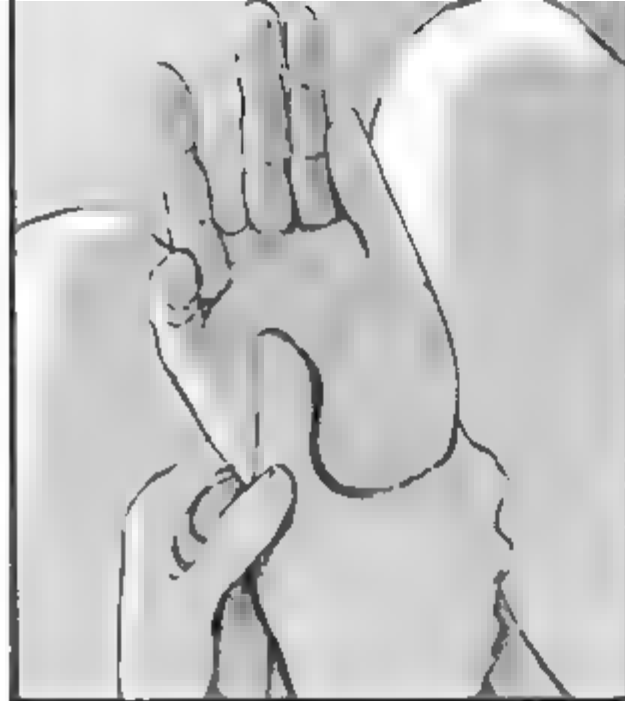
Never.







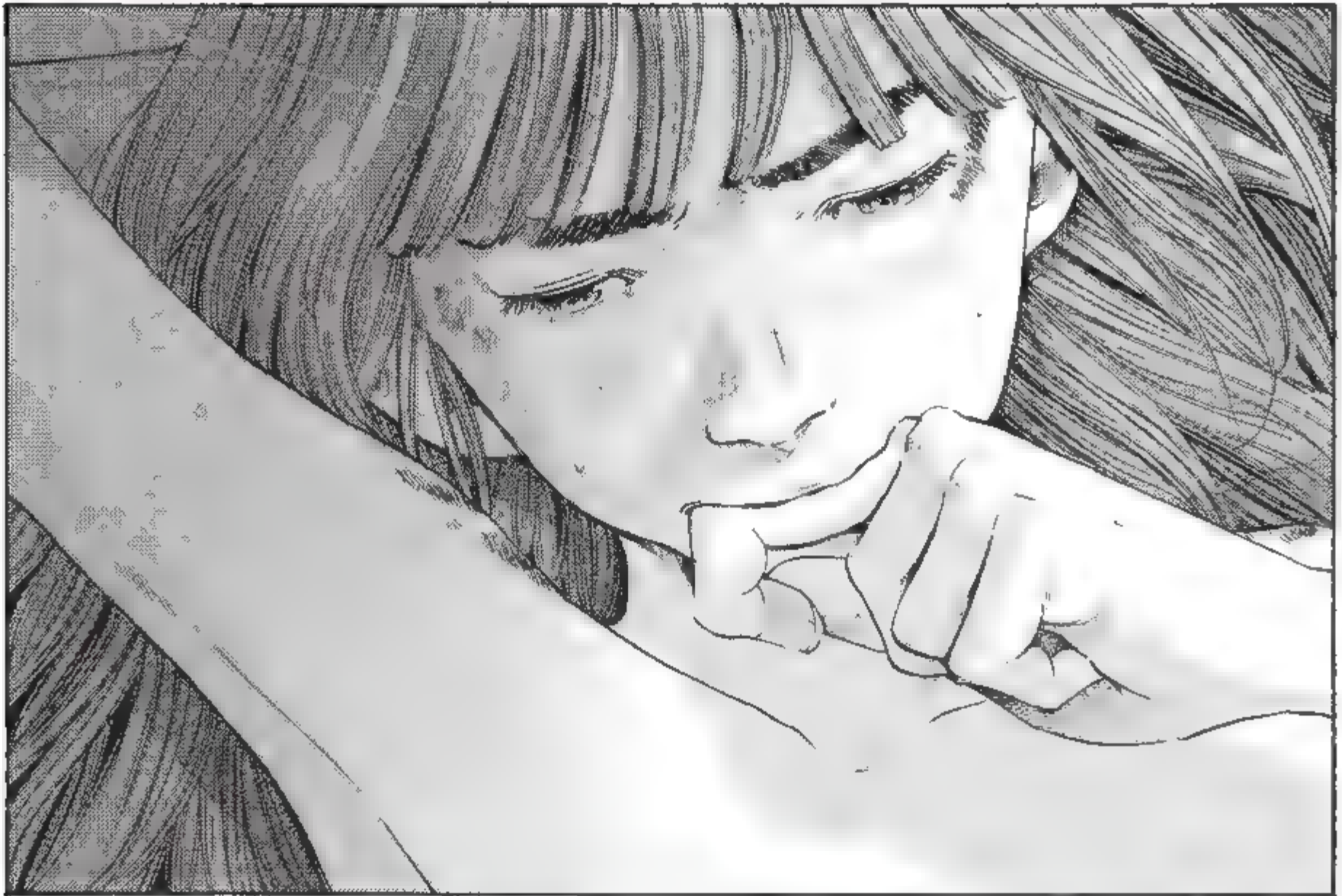






...and  
screwing his  
raging cock  
into her with  
his right...

Holding her  
thigh down  
with his left  
hand...



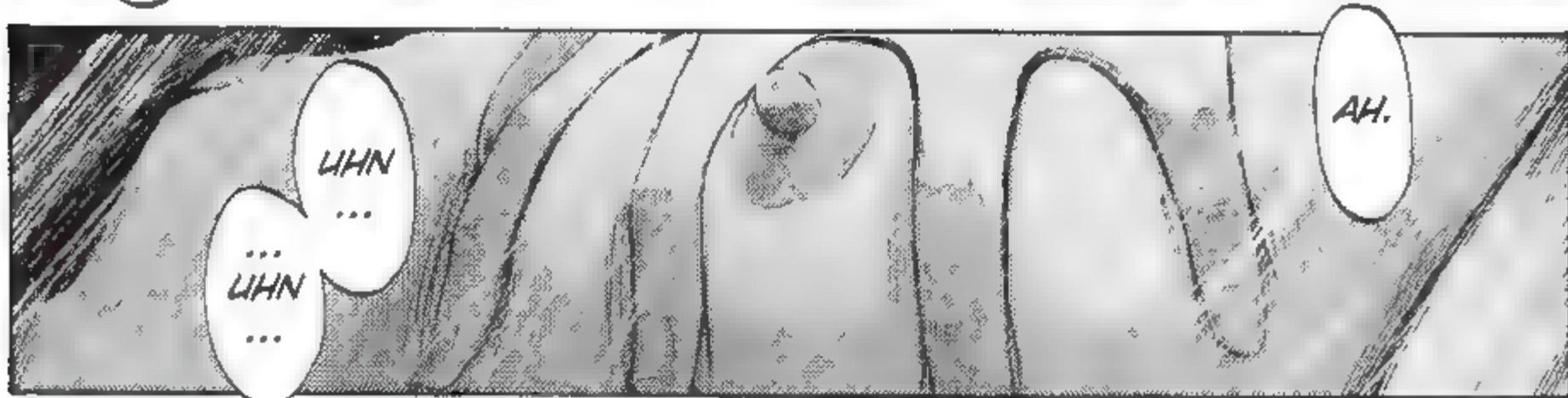
...he was  
unable to  
stop stirring  
that red-hot  
vagina.

UHN.

UHN  
...







...surrendered  
to gravity  
and fell ever  
deeper into  
pleasure...

As Punpun  
thought that she  
was just like any  
other woman,  
disappointment  
and happiness  
formed a complex  
tangle...







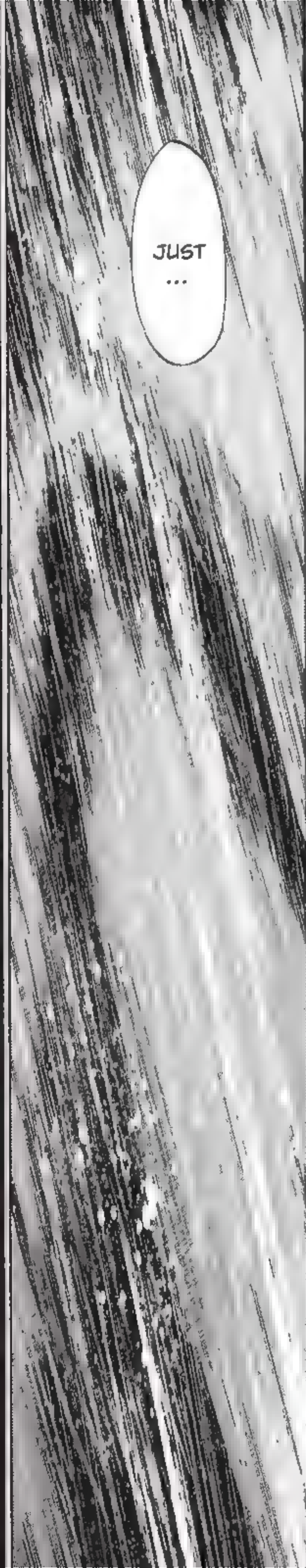


What if  
the two of  
them could  
just ooze  
together  
like slime  
and die?

JUST  
...

...  
COME  
...

...  
INSIDE  
ME.



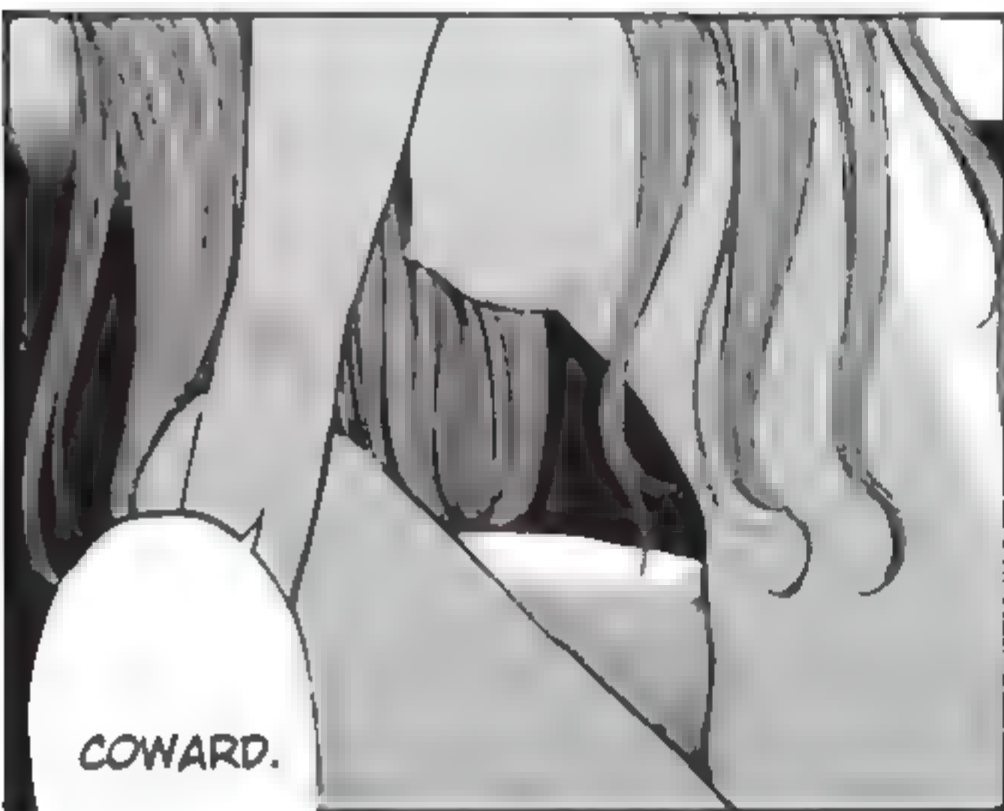
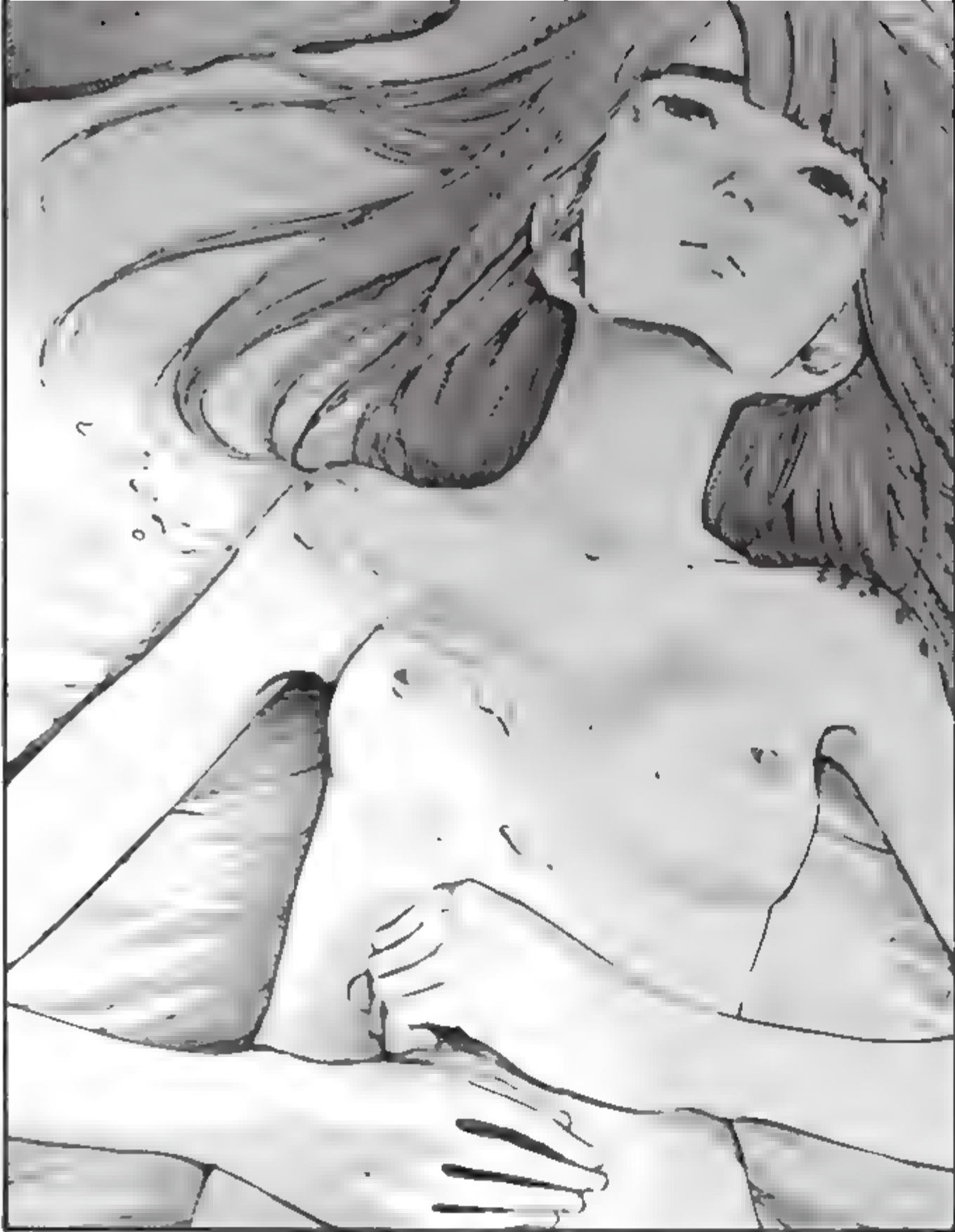


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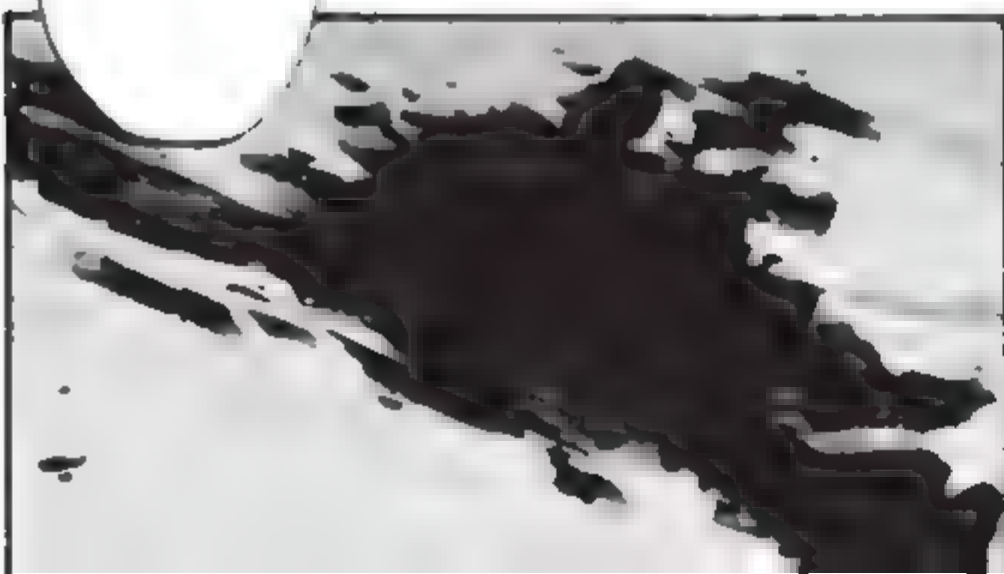
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COWARD.











"I  
love  
you."



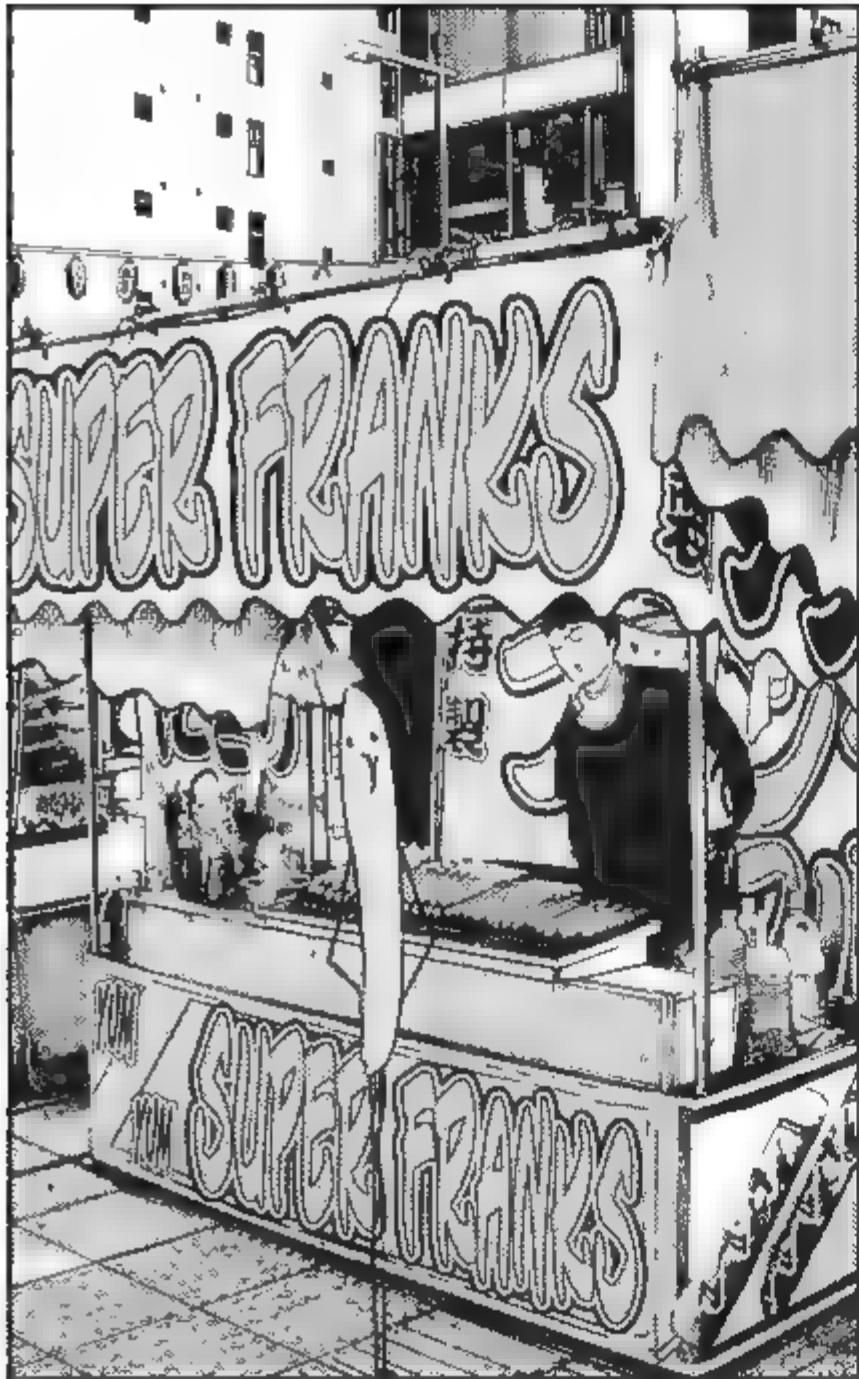
"I  
love  
you."

"I  
love  
you."

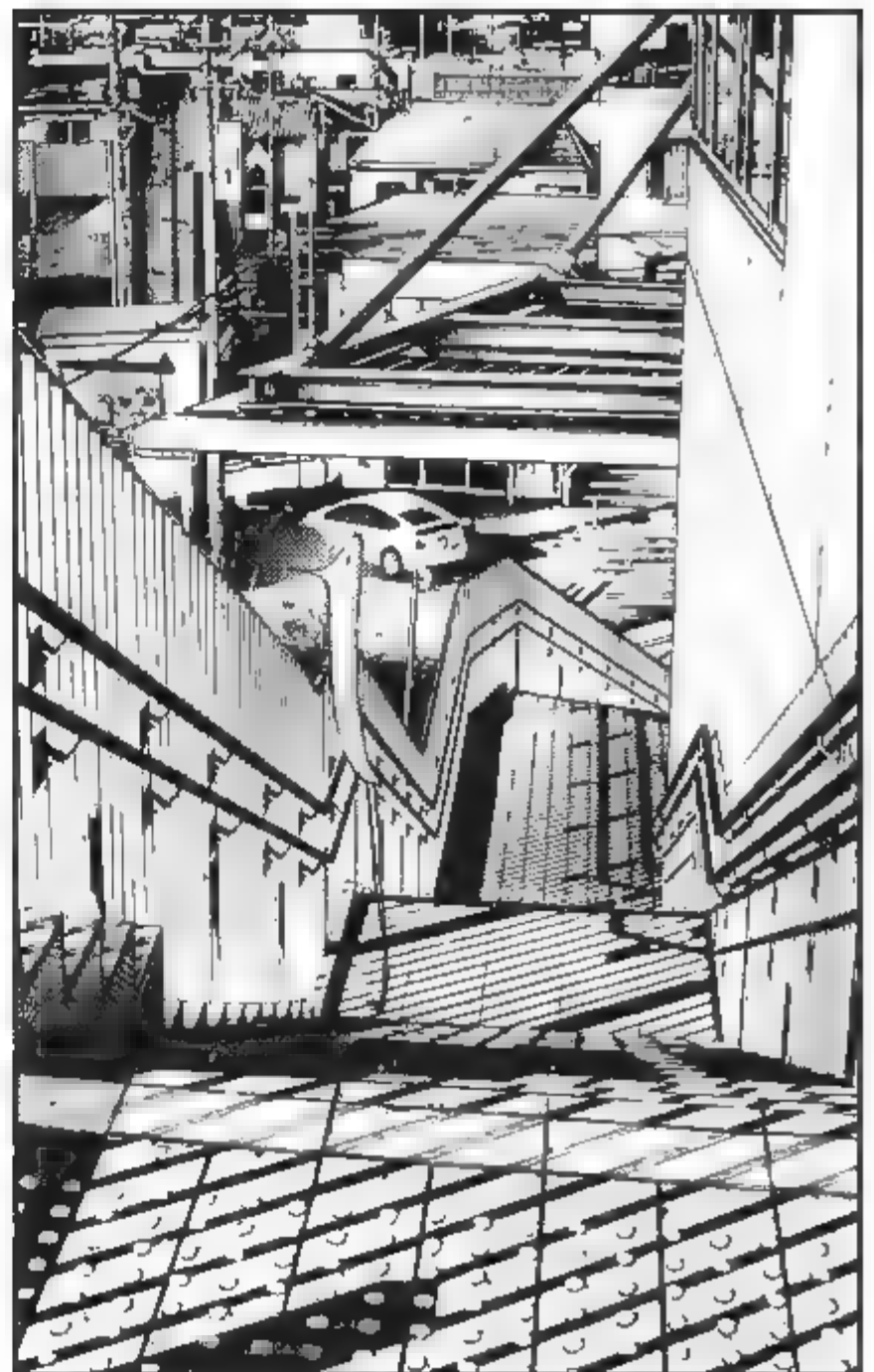
"I  
love  
you."

The  
only  
place  
lower  
to  
fall.





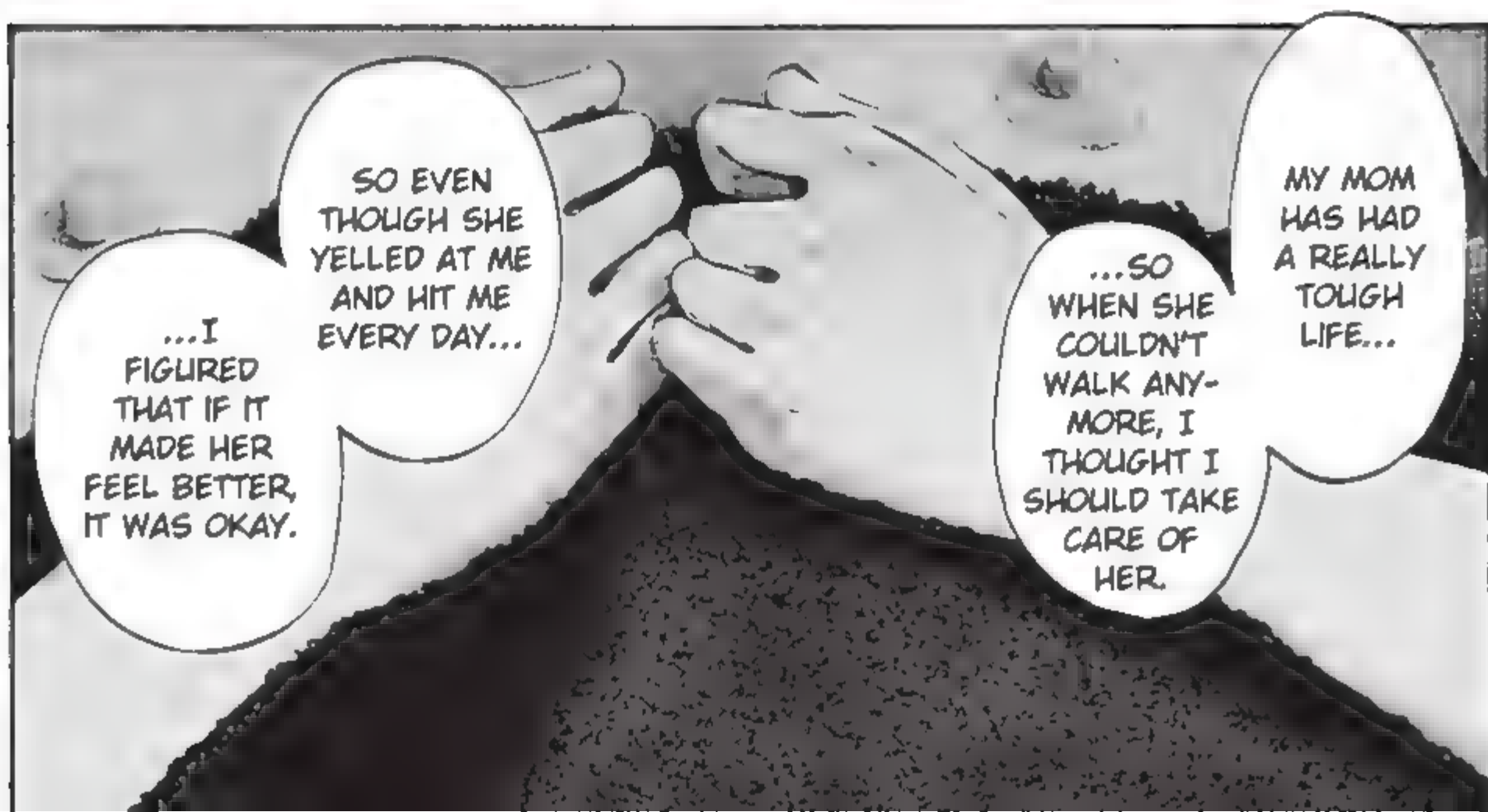
















IS JUST  
STAYING IN  
THAT DARK  
HOUSE AND  
GETTING  
OLDER...

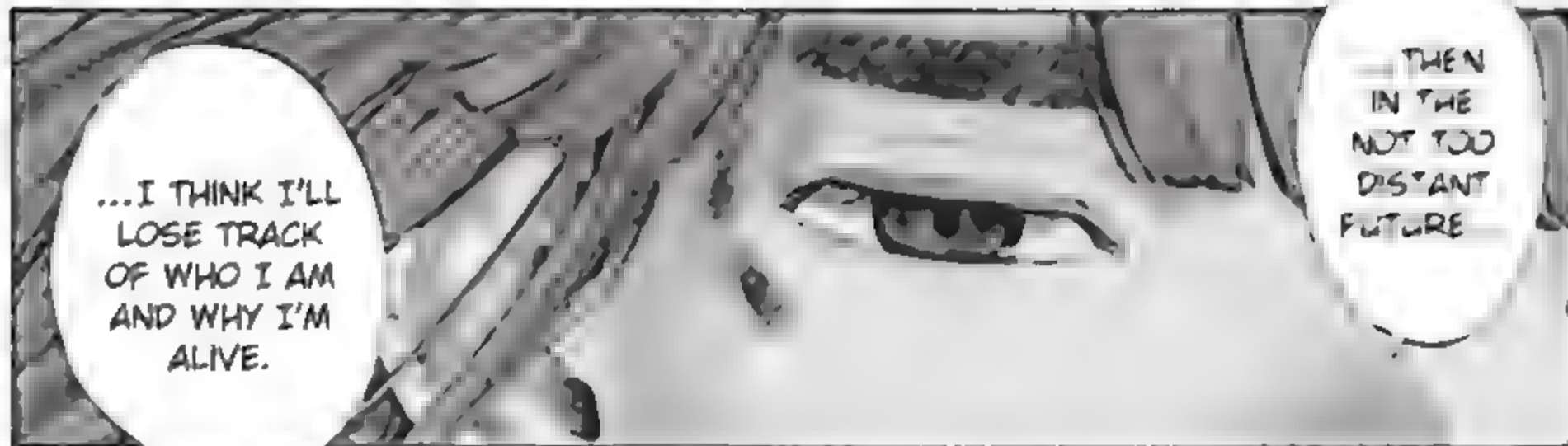
IF MY  
LIFE



THAT  
ISN'T  
GOOD FOR  
EITHER OF  
US?

WHAT  
IF...

BUT I  
STARTED  
THINKING



...I THINK I'LL  
LOSE TRACK  
OF WHO I AM  
AND WHY I'M  
ALIVE.

THEN  
IN THE  
NOT TOO  
DISTANT  
FUTURE



HELLO,  
OVER  
HERE.

HEY,  
SIS.



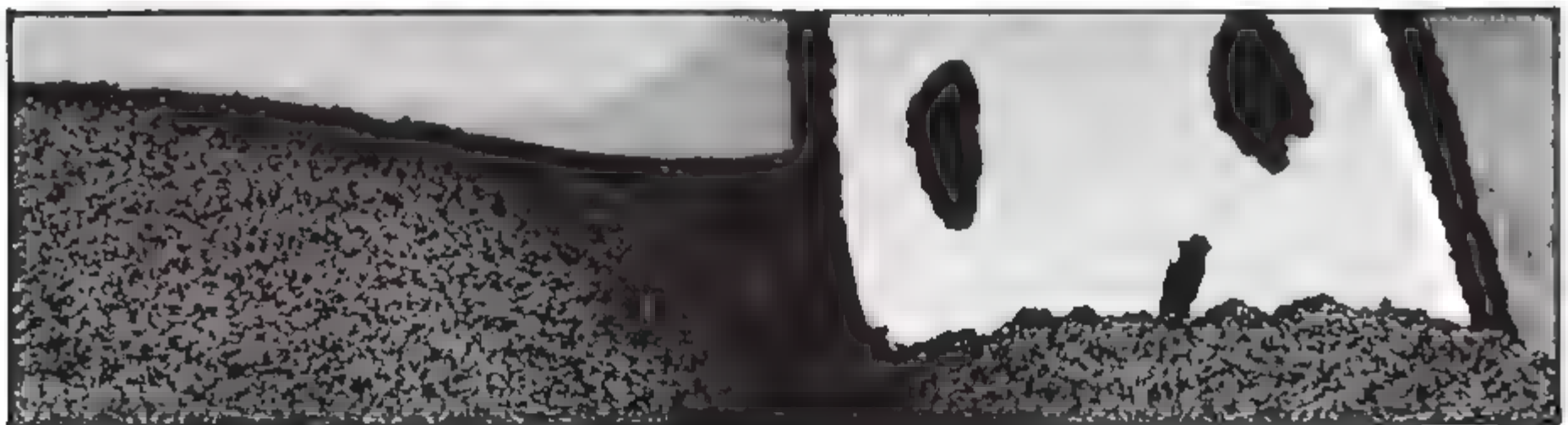
"Aiko, I  
was just  
thinking...

OH, AND  
OF COURSE  
I'M NOT  
MARRIED...

WITH THE  
POWER THAT  
COMES FROM  
HAVING LOST 10  
AND GAINED 15,  
I'LL CUT THOSE  
GUYS IN TWO!

I REALLY  
DON'T LIKE  
GROUP  
DATES...

YOU  
WANT ME  
TO PRETEND  
TO BE YOUR  
COWORKER,  
RIGHT?



"I'm  
planning to  
move to a  
faraway city  
soon.

"...but  
I don't  
need to  
do that.

"I was  
planning  
to put my  
affairs in  
order before  
leaving...

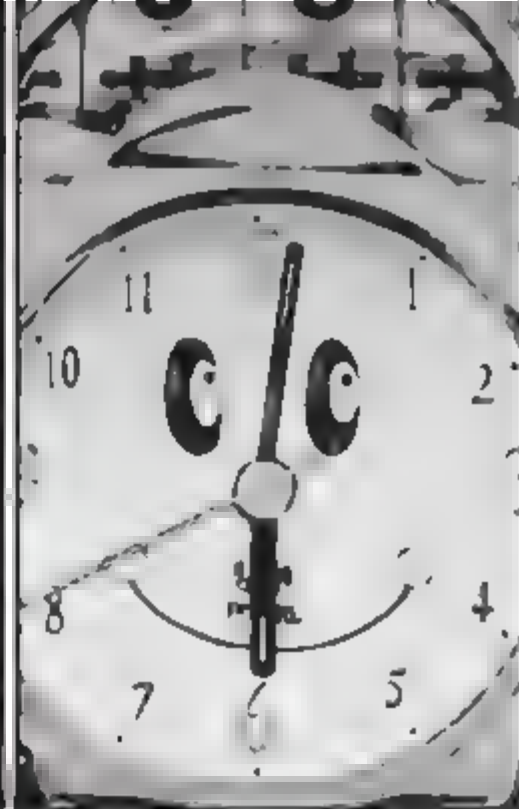


"...and  
live  
together."

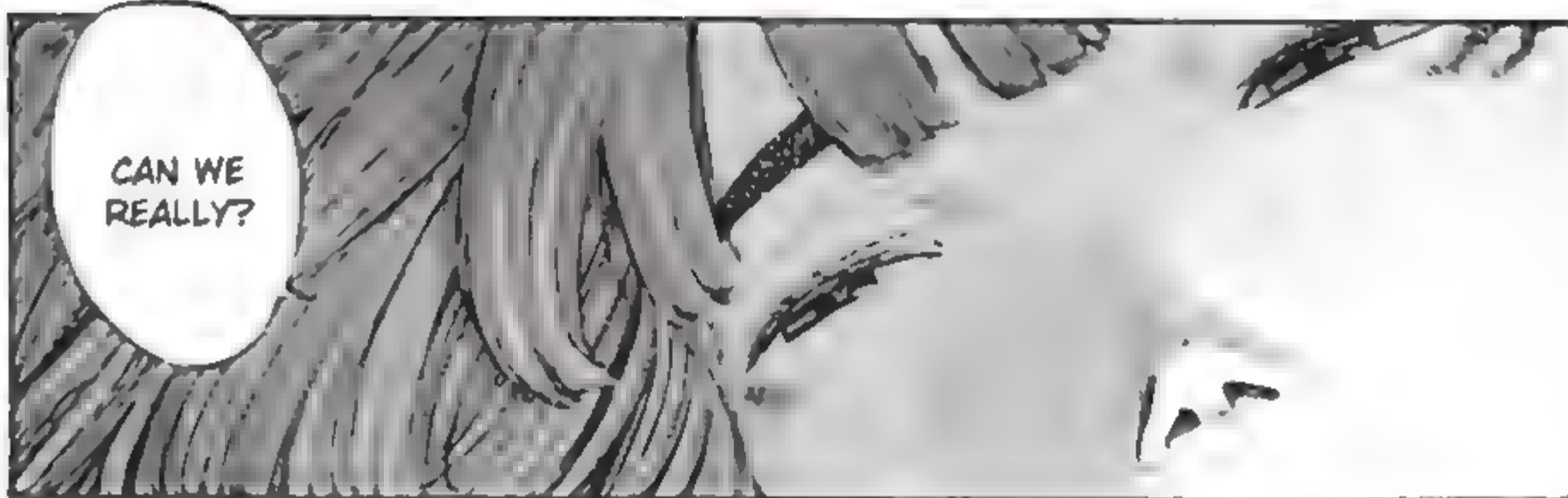
"Let's go  
somewhere  
far away..."

"...but  
I don't  
mind if  
you stay  
here until  
then."

"I can't  
leave  
until I  
get my  
license"



CAN WE  
REALLY?



GESUMI  
...

...  
**BORED**  
!!

I  
AM...

"I  
wouldn't  
have said  
it if we  
couldn't."







YOU HAVE  
NO IDEA  
WHAT I'M  
SAYING,  
DO YOU?  
NEITHER  
DO I.

THIS  
GORGEOUS  
SUIT MAY BE  
RIDICULOUS  
FOR MY ABS,  
BUT...

...IF YOU  
WANT TO  
SURVIVE  
SHREWDLY IN  
THIS ISOLATED  
SOCIETY, YOU  
HAVE TO  
SUGARCOAT IT  
AND NOT HIDE  
YOUR DICK.

SIGH...

I  
WANTED  
TO GO TO  
OKINAWA  
WITH  
SACHI.

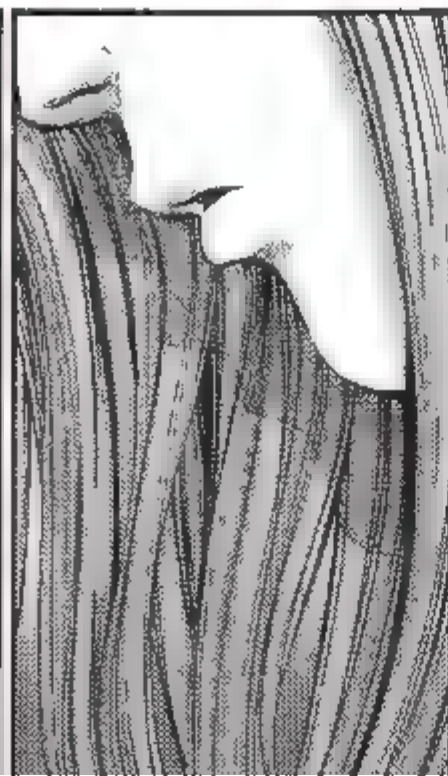
"...go tell  
your mom  
before you  
leave, okay?"

"But..."

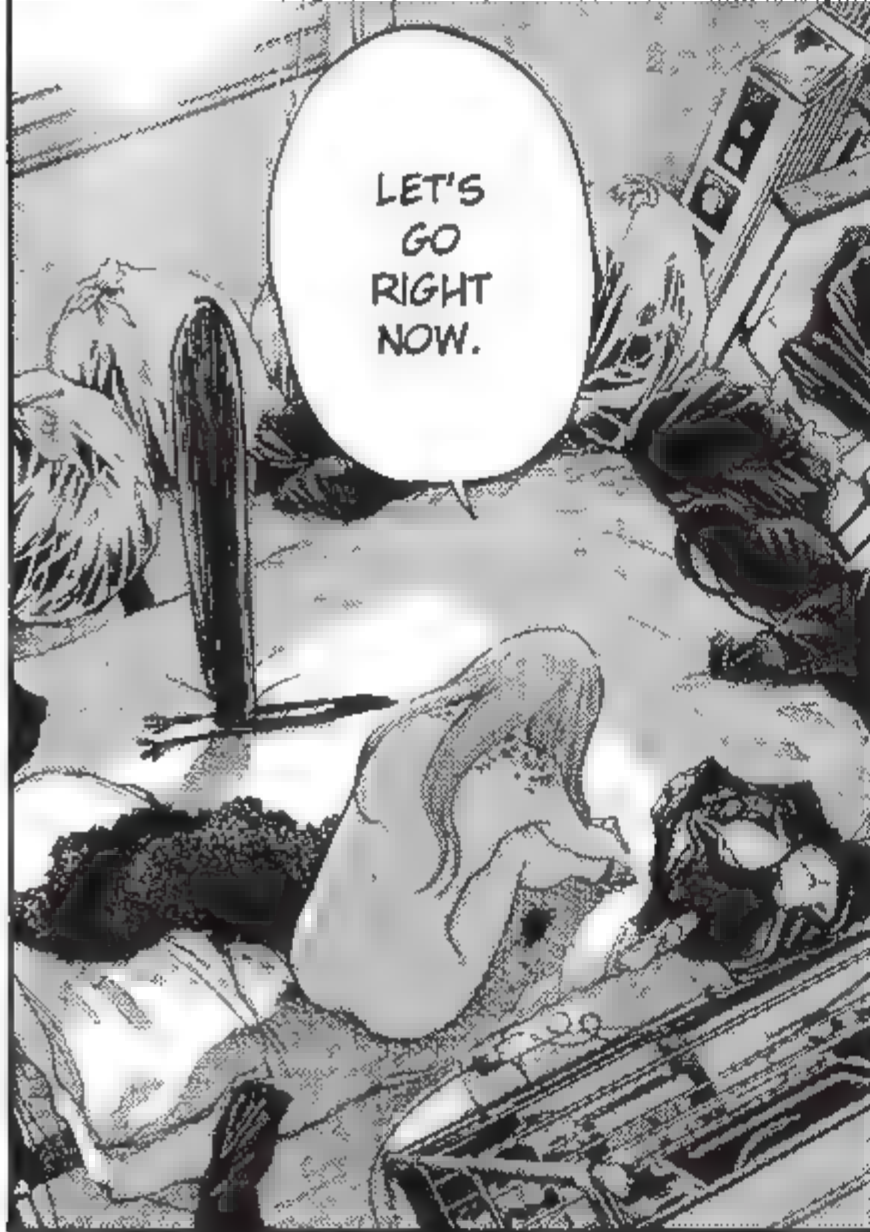
"There isn't  
a mother  
alive who  
doesn't  
worry about  
her child.

"...  
so just  
let me  
know  
when  
you  
feel  
like  
doing  
it."

"I'll go  
with  
you to  
convince  
her..."







LET'S  
GO  
RIGHT  
NOW.



THEN...



...I  
WANT  
TO GO  
NOW.



OKAY?



...I can't  
believe  
you.

Aiko...

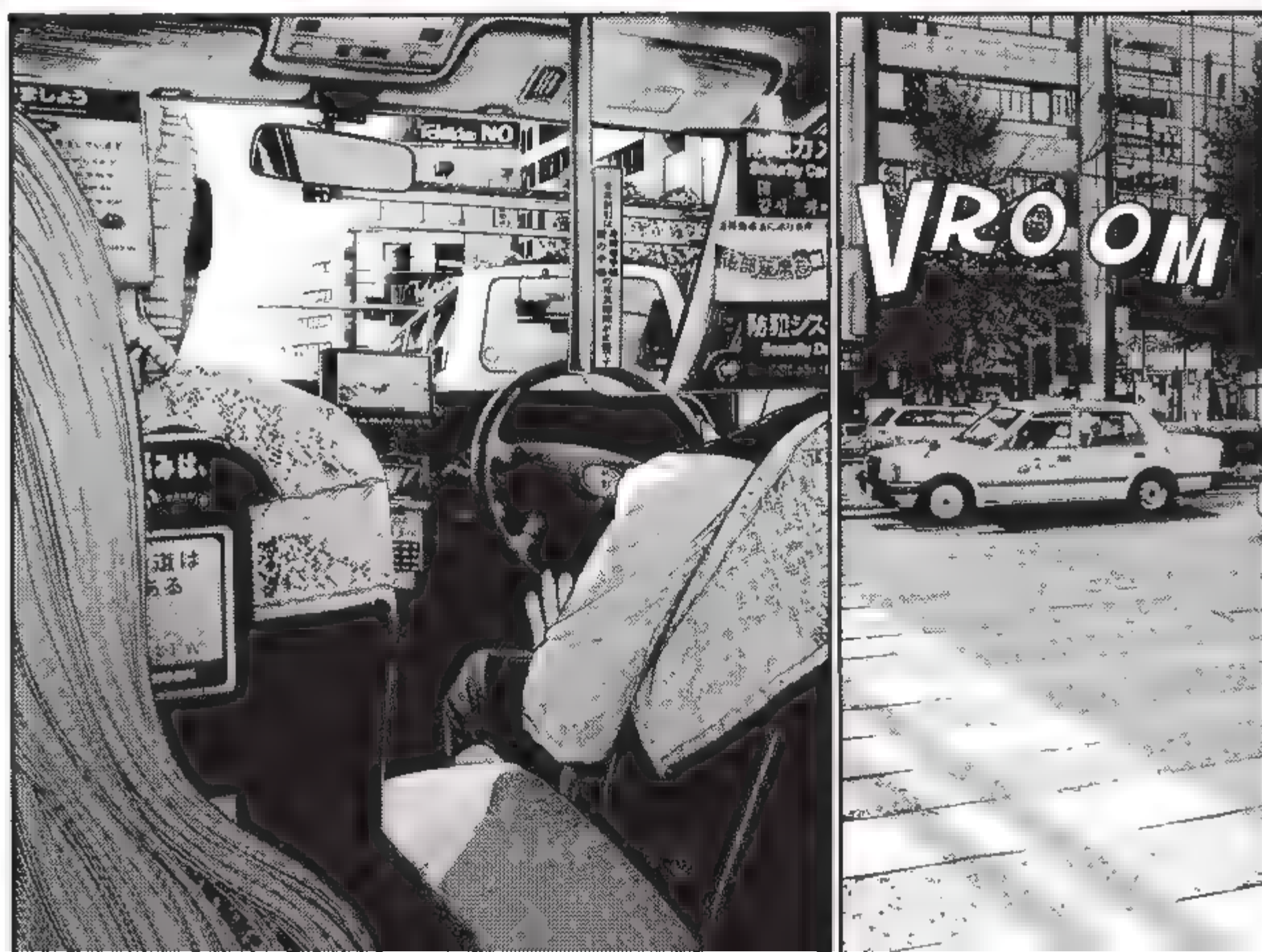




I think so  
too, and  
what you  
say is 100  
percent  
correct.

...you're  
right. Let's  
go right  
now.

Yes..





The world  
is mine.  
Or more  
accurately...

Everything  
is in its right  
place.

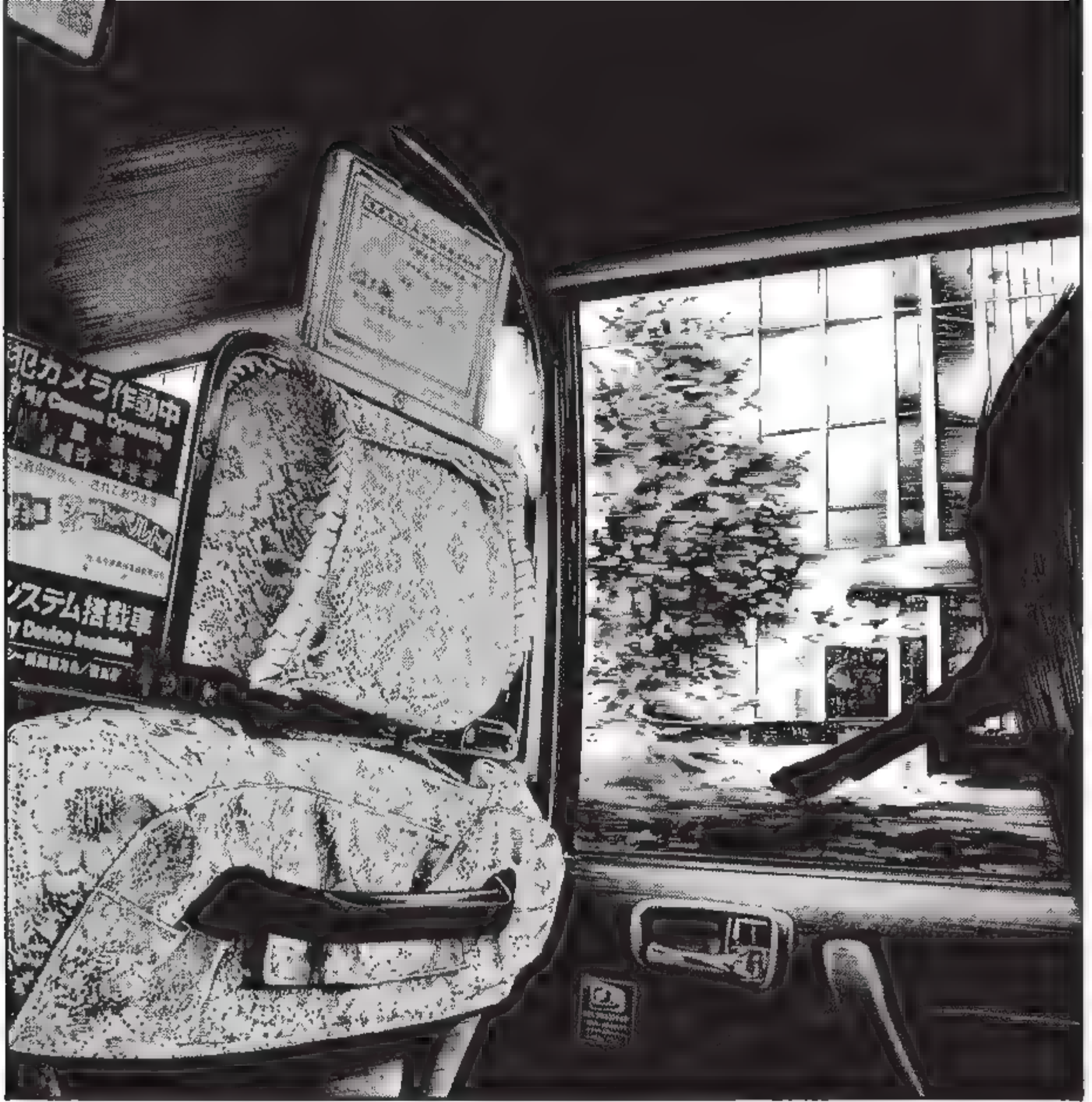
This is  
good...



always  
yours.

world...





...finally  
began  
moving.

Stalled  
time...





Punpun  
was sure  
of it.



Aiko was  
"the one"  
after all.

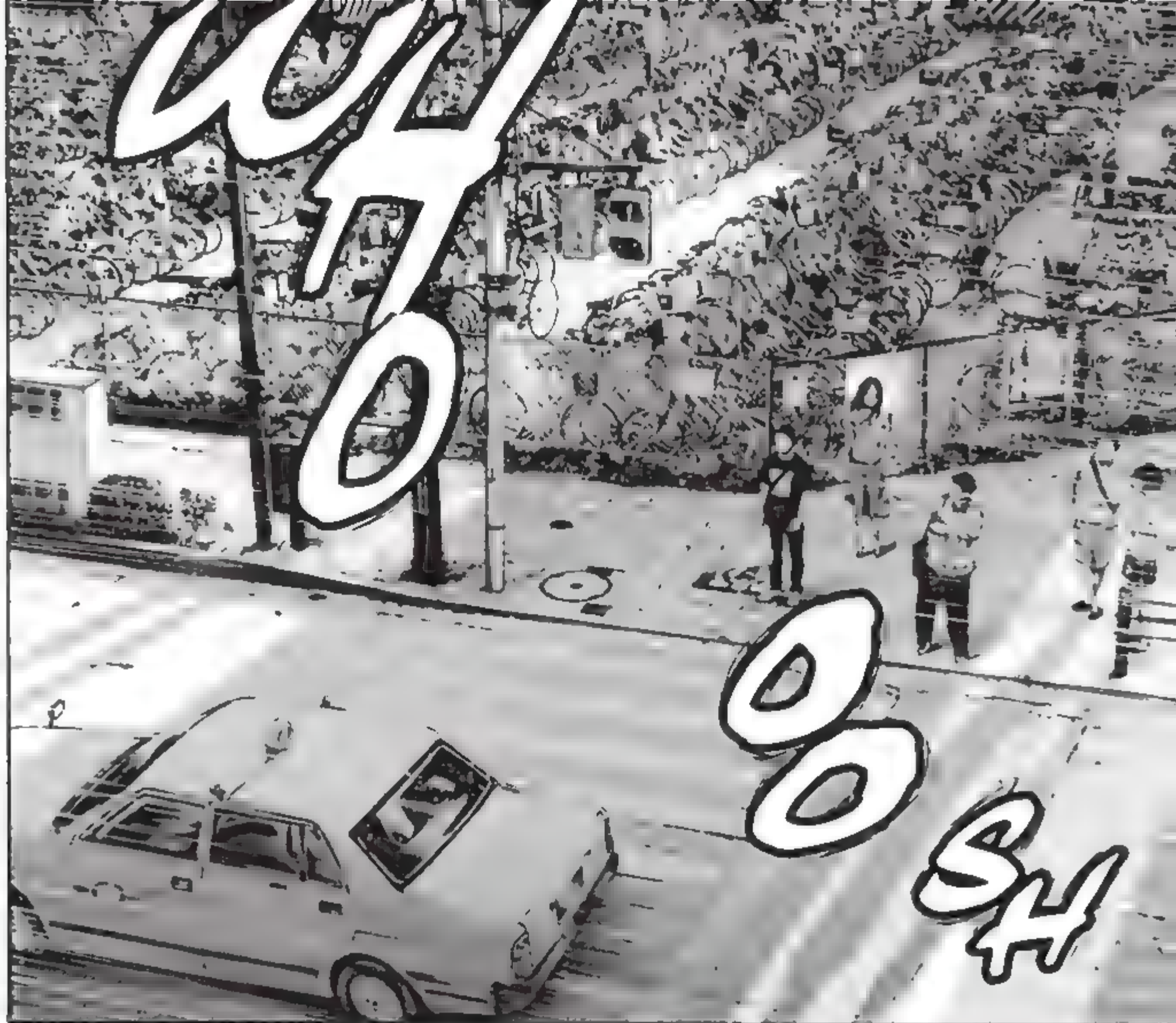






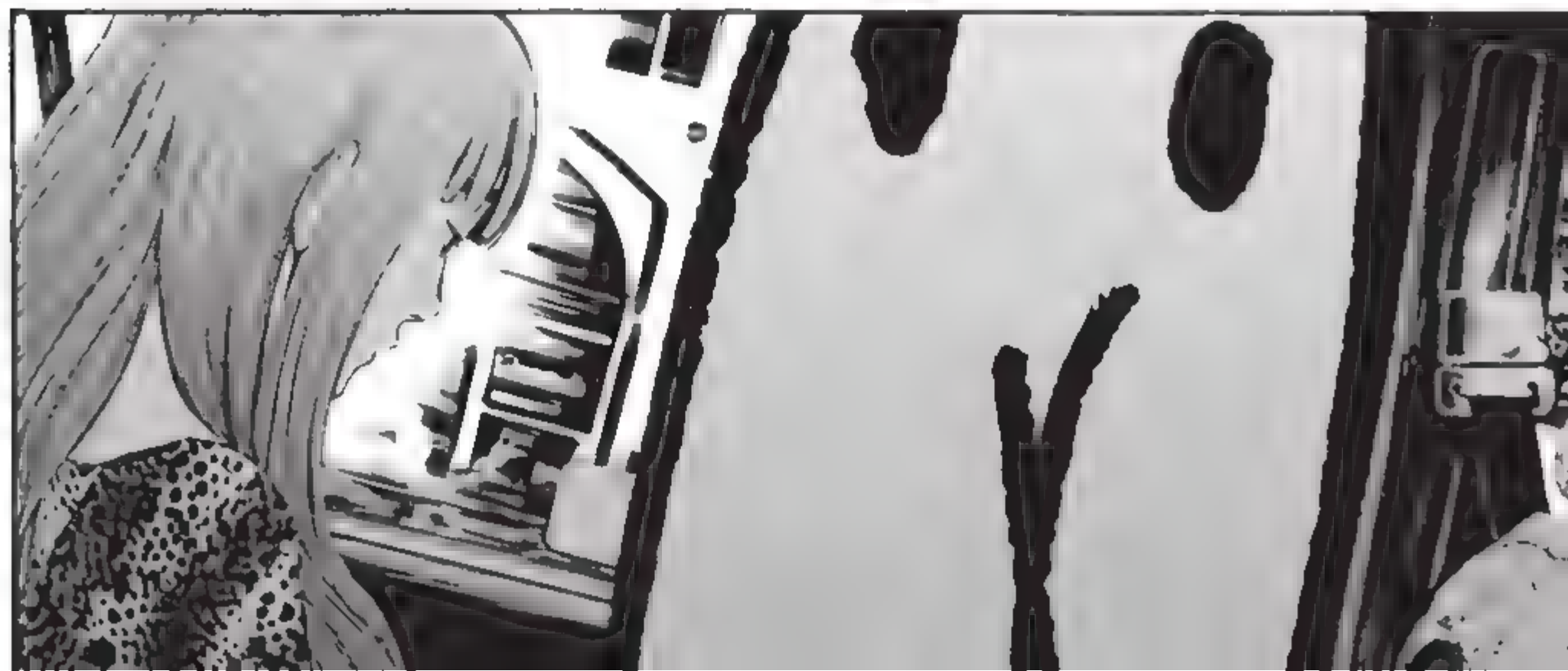






...was  
fading  
away.

Ordinary  
life...





...was  
disap-  
pearing  
into the  
quiet  
early  
dusk  
of 6:00  
p.m.



Ordinary  
life,  
which  
would  
probably  
go on  
smoothly  
without  
him...

...ANYONE  
BUT YOU,  
PUNPUN.

I  
DON'T  
HAVE...

...JUST  
THE TWO  
OF US.

LET'S  
START  
OVER...

Don't  
look  
back.

...Punpun  
thought.

"I'll never  
let go of  
this hand  
again"...

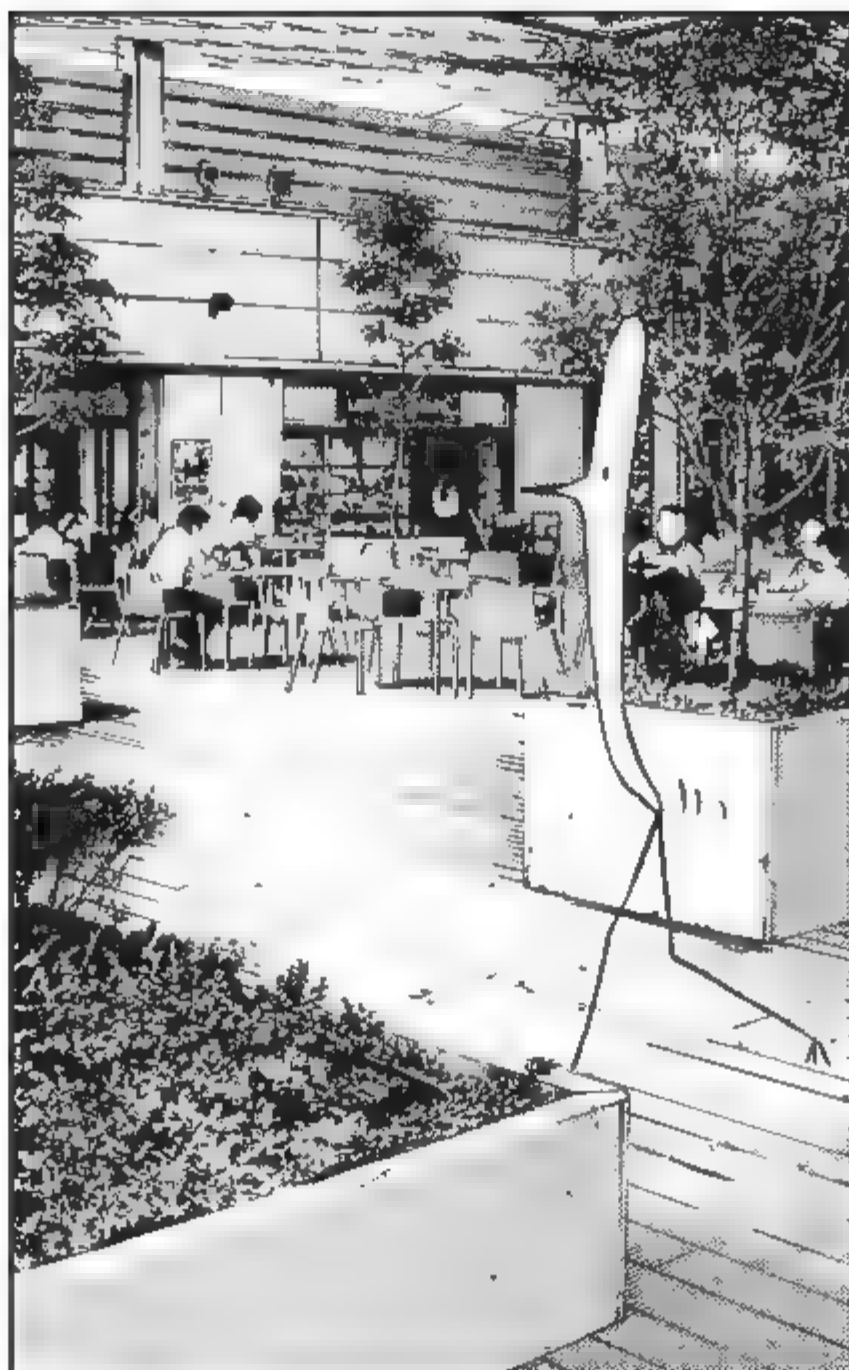
Aiko's hand  
was soft,  
warm and  
little, just  
like it had  
been back  
then...





There's  
no going  
back.





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HA HA AHA  
HA HA HA HA  
HA HA HA HA  
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